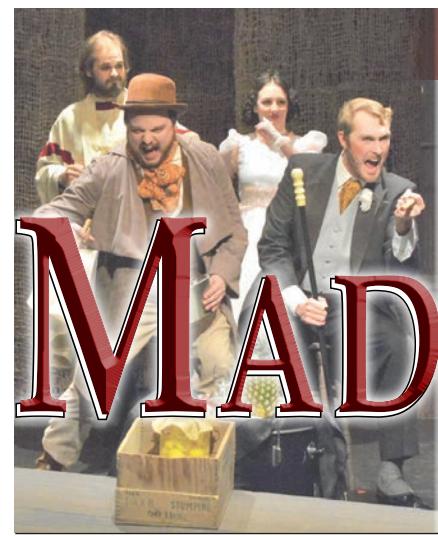
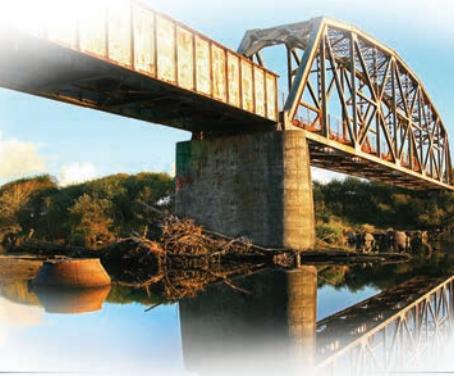


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Star witness shows up drunk

In court, whoever tells the best story, wins.

– Attributed to John Quincy Adams

Paul Mann

MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA – The star witness has jeopardized the trustworthiness of the state's

case against a Lake County man accused of murdering a Eureka couple in a Fieldbrook driveway in September 2014.

Ironically, the witness, Shavonne Hammers, is also the alternative suspect in the defense narrative of the killings.

Granted immunity from prosecution in return for incriminating the defendant,

Jason Michael Arreaga, 30, of Lucerne, Hammers arrived at court drunk last Thursday when the defendant's second trial began. The first one ended in a hung jury Oct. 23. Now a second mistrial may eventuate.

The defense contends police were too ARREAGA ❖ A4



ANOTHER OPTION PenAir will serve the airport with its 30-passenger Saab 340 turboprop aircraft.

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New airline offers flights to Portland

MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – Starting April 21, travelers will have a second airline option when flying in and out of the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport (ACV).

Last week, Alaska-based PenAir announced it will offer two flights daily between Portland International Airport and Humboldt County's main airport in McKinleyville.

"We are thrilled to have PenAir coming to Humboldt County," said Public Works Director Tom Mattson in a press release. "Our community has made it clear that they want more flights to more destinations, and I'm confident that PenAir will do a great job offering quality air service to the people of our area. There are so many positive aspects to this news. I'm excited to see our community reap the benefits." Under the proposed flight schedule, PenAir will fly from Humboldt to Portland, with departure at 5:50 a.m. and arrival at 7:20 a.m. Then there will be a flight from Portland back to Humboldt, with departure at 9:20 a.m. and arrival at 10:50 a.m.

There will be another flight from Humboldt to Portland, with departure at 11:20 a.m. and arrival at 12:50 p.m. Then there's a Portland-to-Humboldt flight, departing at 6:30 p.m. and arriving at 8 p.m.

When PenAir starts its service April 21, it will mark the first time in five years that the airport has been served by more than one air-

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❖ SUPERVISORS

Homeless fix focuses on Eureka, then county

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The county is supporting a plan to work with the City of Eureka on reducing homelessness, but members of the Board of Supervisors want more clarity and public feedback on how it should be done in unincorporated areas.

McKinleyville to weigh in. A2

At their Feb. 2 meeting, supervisors unanimously voted to have staff draft a resolution to support the Eureka City Council's efforts to address homelessness. The resolution will also call for implementation of a consultant's plan to address the issue through a

HOMELESS ❖ A4

Coming to Arcata: Futsal court



FUTSAL FRIENDLY A rendering of the anonymously-donated \$300,000 futsal court planned for the Arcata Community Center's back lawn.

IMAGE COURTESY GREENWAY PARTNERS

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – In the 1950s TV series *The Millionaire*, John Beresford Tipton gave a million dollars each week to a person who was never to know their benefactor.

Arcata now has its own Tipton – an unknown soccer enthusiast who offered Arcata a new pick-up futsal court estimated to cost nearly a third of a million dollars, to be located amid the sports fields at the Arcata Community Center.

Last week, the Arcata City Council followed the recommendation of the Parks and Rec Committee, which first heard the proposal in January

(Union, Jan. 20), to accept the unusual anonymous donation.

The offer, forwarded via Greenway Partners and the Humboldt Area Foundation, came with two conditions – that there be no reservations required and no fees charged, ever.

"This is a great project," said City Councilmember Mark Wheatley. "It is going to be a great facility for us all."

The council's vote was 4-1, with Councilmember Sofia Pereira dissenting. While lauding the project, she objected to the precedent-setting restriction on reservations "when we don't really know what the long-term ramifications of that would be."

Paul Swenson of the Mad

River Youth Soccer League thanked the council for approving the facility. "I really see this as a community-building facility," he said. "It represents something that's very special to a happy, healthy community."

Since the initial offer was tendered, the donor has added an endowment to cover ongoing maintenance costs.

The all-weather court will feature automatic lighting and a permanent surface made from green or low-impact materials. It will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day, accessible via a walkway around the perimeter of the Community Park, allowing users to circumvent games in play on adjacent fields.



AT LAST THEY MEET After years of being confused with each other, Shelley B. Mitchell, left, finally talked to her Arcata doppelganger Shelley D. Mitchell, right, at the Union's office. KLH | UNION

Shelleys share several similarities

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Longtime Arcata resident Shelley Mitchell feels the Bern, but she's ready to vote for Hillary should that need arise.

Shelley's blonde, an Aquarius, likes long walks on the beach, has an English degree from Humboldt State, volunteers for various community groups, votes at Arcata United Methodist Church, wouldn't depose McKinley and subscribes to the *Mad River Union*. So does Shelley Mitchell.

The other Shelley Mitchell. Arcata, it turns out, has an embarrassment of Shelley Mitchell riches. While most towns struggle along with zero Shelley Mitchells, tiny Arcata boasts a two-woman set of them. This even though the

odds of even one living in town our size are vanishingly small – just about 0.000017 or 1 in 58,000, based on census data.

If the entire United States, with 321,965,658 people, has just 107 Shelley Mitchells, why would Arcata, with a population of just 17,697, host two of them?

"Having two people with the same name in a small town is not surprising," said Chris Dugaw, professor of mathematics at Humboldt State. He's fascinated with probability, and noted that randomness is not evenly distributed. Statistical flukes such as Arcata's double-dose of Shelley Mitchells are actually quite likely in the grand scheme of things.

"There are 17,697 times 17,696 SHELLEYS ❖ A3

❖ GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Enters closing phase

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The Board of Supervisors' next meeting on the county's General Plan Update won't be until Aug. 22, but intense behind the scenes work will continue as the update's environmental review is developed.

Supervisors discussed several items related to the update's closing phase at a Feb. 1 update hearing. Their first order of business was review of several late-arriving land use map change requests.

Supervisors agreed to take up the requests at one of their near-future regular meetings. They have accommodated landowners with map change requests even though they had previously announced that the time window for accepting them is closed.

The county will soon work on revising the update's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and further changes won't be allowed. "There will be a very hard and fast deadline," said Planning Director Rob Wall.

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With Dr. Tony Silvaggio

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Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

at Dow's Prairie Elementary

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CLOSING CREDITS Ashland, Ore.-based Coming Attractions Theaters, which has operated Arcata's historic Minor Theater since 2005, abruptly closed the theater down Friday, Feb. 5. Lease negotiations with building owner Josh Neff reportedly broke down and the theater chain decided to pull out. Over the weekend, minortheater.com posted a notice that "Arcata's Historic Minor Theater is coming back. With new local owners and a community-driven focus, the new Minor promises to be better than ever. We're doing some much-needed upgrades: New seats, new sound, new screens, new projectors ... and even a few surprises ... We'll be opening in just a few months." UNION FILE PHOTO

County considers regulating vacation rentals

Most of Humboldt's AirBnBs and vacation rentals operate without permits

Patrick Evans

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Vacation home rentals, or vacation dwelling units as they are affectionately known in Trinidad, are sprouting up in Humboldt like mushrooms after the rain, and now the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is taking notice.

The problem, though, is that most of them are illegal and are operating without a permit.

The Board of Supervisors was scheduled to meet Tuesday, after the *Union* went to press, to discuss a recommendation from the County Planning and Building Department to expand regulation of home vacation rentals to allow for permits in unincorporated county inland and coastal zones.

The project under discussion would create an amendment to county zoning regulations to allow transient occupancy in permitted single family residential units.

A quick search of vacation rental websites finds 203 rentals in Humboldt listed on VRBO.com and 206

rentals on AirBnB.com. However, those numbers are not exact due to availability and double posting.

According to an analysis of vacation rentals conducted by the County Planning and Building Department in September 2015 there are about 450 vacation home rentals in Humboldt, with one-third or about 150 rentals in unincorporated county zones.

Steven Santos, manager of the county Development and Assistance Division, co-authored the report on the growth of vacation home rentals with County Planner Michelle Nielsen.

Santos said the amendment's main concerns would be protecting resource land, affordable housing and neighborhood standards.

He said the county had suspected that the number of vacation rental homes was increasing as complaints from neighbors trickled in.

"For the four to five years before 2015, we only had a couple of complaints, but in 2015 we had five, which doesn't sound like much, but it was a clear increase," he said.

Santos said work on the proposal

began last year when a group of vacation rental managers and owners approached the county and asked to create a permit process.

"We don't have a viable pathway for them to get legal," Santos said.

Current zoning regulations only allow for vacation housing rental permits in parts of inland Shelter Cove. According to Nielsen, while unpermitted vacation rentals have popped up across the county in recent years, there have been no applications for new vacation home rental permits in the inland zones of Shelter Cove.

"The mechanisms in place now are not being utilized," Nielsen said.

She added that the amendment would allow the county to permit and tax vacation rentals while enforcing violations and protecting neighborhoods from loud noise and other nuisances.

"We need a way for vacation rentals to be compatible with neighborhoods, be permitted, and at the same time give neighbors a role in the permit process. Right now it's just a complaint process," Nielsen said.

ARCATA DESIGN REVIEW The Arcata Historic & Design Review Commission will discuss a small dwelling unit proposed for above an existing garage on Cropley Way in Arcata at its meeting **today, Feb. 10**. The meeting begins at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 736 F St. in Arcata. The owner of 2521 Cropley Way is proposing to build a 677-square-foot dwelling unit above an existing garage. The commission will also consider whether to allow an exhaust fan that serves the Big Blue Cafe at 846 G St. to move to the second story to reduce the exhaust from affecting nearby offices.



HUMBOLDT BAY WATER The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District will discuss cannabis grows in its watershed and will get an update on proposals for what to do with "excess" Mad River water when it meets **Thursday, Feb. 11**. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. at 828 Seventh St. in Eureka. The district is the wholesale water supplier of Arcata, McKinleyville, Manila, Eureka, Cutten and Blue Lake.

1 BILLION RISING Join VDay Humboldt for 1 Billion Rising 2016: Arcata Plaza this **Friday, Feb. 12** from 1 to 3 p.m. Rise up in dance to say no to violence and injustice in our community and the world. facebook.com/1BillionRising

ARCATA REC COMMITTEE The Arcata Parks and Recreation Committee will discuss Shay Park and the Arcata Ball Park at its meeting **today, Feb. 10** at 6 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center Arts & Crafts Room, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. The committee will also discuss the Redwood Park Master Plan.

TRINIDAD COUNCIL The Trinidad City Council will consider applying for a grant **today, Feb. 10** to build a trail linking the south end of Scenic Drive to the Hammond Trail in McKinleyville. The council meets at 6 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. The city would serve as the lead agency in applying for the grant, but would work with other agencies to complete the project, which is outside the city limits. A bridge would likely be built over the Little River. The council will also discuss the city's budget and the General Plan get an update on a vacation rental ordinance. There will be time for public comments.

MCKINLEYVILLE TAKES UP HOMELESS PLAN The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) will hold a special meeting **Wednesday, Feb. 17** to discuss the joint Humboldt County/City of Eureka homeless plan. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Azalea Conference Center, located at the rear of McKinleyville Middle School on Central Avenue and Railroad Drive. The McKMAC will hear a presentation on the plan from Connie Beck, the new director of the county Department of Health and Human Services. The plan calls for the county and Eureka to take a "housing first" approach, in which homeless people are lodged in rental units and provided with case management services to help them overcome their problems. After hearing the presentation and receiving public input, the McKMAC has the option of making recommendations to Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg. The next regular meeting of the McKMAC is slated for Wednesday, Feb. 24 (See related story, A1).

PUBLIC MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MEETING DETAILS
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Building behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets second & fourth Thursday	Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtbay.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notices
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, Feb. 11 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	Cannabis grows, excess water hbmwd.com/meeting-schedule
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacs.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	See brief, above humboldtgov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committee
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	See brief, above trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html

Arreaga | 'The terrain is very rough'

♦ FROM A1

hasty in charging Arreaga and letting Shavonne Hammers go free. Now, her erratic behavior and continuing drug abuse have seriously damaged the prosecution's account of what happened.

"This could easily lead to a second mistrial," said a long-time legal source unaffiliated with the case, but familiar with its substance. "It can completely discredit her in the eyes of the jury, leaving the prosecution hamstrung."

It is unlikely Arreaga would be tried a third time, the source said, unless there were only one holdout, offering better odds for a successful third prosecution. There were three holdouts in the October verdict.

When Deputy District Attorney Zachary Curtis opened Arreaga's retrial Feb. 5, he characterized his opening statement as a narrative, a "road map" for the jury to follow in weighing the facts of the complex case. Curtis conceded the evidence could be "kind of disjointed" and confusing for jurors to parse.

Public Defender Heidi Holmquist seized on Curtis's metaphor when she opened her alternative story of who killed Eureka meth users Harley Hammers Jr., Shavonne's estranged husband, and his girlfriend, Angel Robin Tully, both 37, in the driveway of a trailer off Fieldbrook Road.

"A map is one dimensional," Holmquist admonished. "During this trial I believe the terrain is very rough."

So it proved to be late in the morning of the retrial's second day, Friday, when Shavonne Hammers admitted under oath that she had been intoxicated when she arrived at the county courthouse early on Thursday. She had been scheduled as the lead-off witness for the prosecution, as she had been in the first trial.

Shavonne Hammers' drunken state forced Curtis to postpone her swearing-in until almost 3 p.m. Thursday afternoon, after some seven hours of delay.

However, the jury did not learn about the misadventure until late Friday morning, Feb. 6. That was when Curtis asked Shavonne Hammers in a matter-of-fact tone if she had consumed alcohol and drugs in her motel room the night before and pain pills the next morning, right before she was to appear.

An investigator for the district attorney's office had smelled alcohol on Shavonne Hammers' breath when she arrived at the courthouse Thursday morning and he immediately whisked her off to a private holding room in the building.

In an apparent attempt to limit the damage to the main import of Shavonne Hammers' testimony — that Arreaga shot and killed both victims — Curtis waited until his final question Friday morning to ask Shavonne Hammers to disclose her drunkenness — just before she was to be cross-examined. Curtis knew, of course, that Holmquist would attempt to shred what was left of his star witness' credibility.

And Holmquist taxed Shavonne Hammers immediately when she returned to the witness stand after the jury's Friday morning coffee break at about 10:20 a.m.

Under oath, Shavonne Hammers confessed quietly, "Yes I was drunk." She testified she had two mixed drinks that night at the motel, but claimed "I'm not quite sure" when Holmquist pressed her about how much vodka.

Instead, Shavonne Hammers held up her hand and pinched two fingers together, suggesting she had mixed about an inch or so of vodka with cranberry juice in a tall glass without saying how much juice she added. "I slept off and on," she said.

Shavonne Hammers admitted that when the DA investigator confronted her about her breath, she "popped" two pills, Soma, a muscle relaxer, and Norco, which "helped with my pain." She pleaded in extenuation that she had been diagnosed with pre-cancer cells and that during her period she experiences severe pain, comparable in intensity to childbirth.

"Yes, I am an addict," Shavonne Hammers repeated on the stand.

"You were breaking the law yesterday morning right before you were to testify at a homicide trial," Holmquist pursued. Hammers, unswervingly respectful but at various times crying, sobbing and gasping, did not demur. She spoke in a tremulous voice, taking deep breaths, struggling to regain her composure as she related her story of the killings.

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Shavonne Hammers was "a desperate person at the time this happened," Holmquist maintained, referring in part to the initial confrontation that led to gun play hours before the murders on Sept. 3, 2014.

Earlier that day, Shavonne Hammers testified, she had directed Arreaga to the Fieldbrook residence of Gary Barrick, otherwise unidentified, for a drug transaction. Shavonne Hammers had promised Arreaga that if he gave her a ride to McKinleyville, where she hoped to live with her mother after being kicked out by her partner in Lucerne, she would pay him \$100 in gas money and arrange drug contacts. Arreaga was a regular dealer to help support his invalid father.

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Protective of his father's car, Arreaga "pulled out a gun" and fired two shots at Harley Hammers' feet. (The defense does not dispute this.) He was unharmed but one of the slugs ricocheted into his driver's car door, where it remained lodged until investigators found it after the second and fatal confrontation about five that afternoon, Sept. 3.

The victims were complete strangers to Arreaga, Holmquist noted to the jury and three alternates, suggesting her client had no motive to kill them. "He is not a killer," she asserted, demonstrated by the fact he fired warning shots, not fatal shots, in the first altercation.

In pointing the finger at Shavonne Hammers, Holmquist repeated the tactic she employed in the first trial last fall.

But under questioning by Curtis, Shavonne Hammers testified that as they fled the murder scene with Arreaga behind the wheel, he admitted to the killings with acerbic coldness. Shocked, she asked him what had happened and "he told me he took another piece of shit out of this world" — not specifying whether he was referring to her husband or to Tully.

The retrial is projected to run for two weeks. Whether or not the jury concludes unanimously which side told "the best story," as John Adams said, both versions are compromised by the skewed and wavering perceptions of a criminal case steeped in Humboldt's drug underworld.

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DAB LAB The scorched remains of a butane hash lab after an explosion and fire last year in Eureka. The concentrated cannabis product used through the extraction method is known as shatter, dabs, wax and honey. PHOTO COURTESY HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Hash lab explosions create unique risks

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt Bay Fire announced last week that it will alter its tactics when it comes to fighting fires caused by butane hash labs.

The process of extracting THC from cannabis and making butane hash oil (BHO) has resulted in numerous explosions, typically in residential neighborhoods and apartment complexes.

According to a press release from Humboldt Bay Fire, which covers Eureka and surrounding unincorporated areas, the hash labs create unique hazards.

“Frequently these explosions and subsequent fires cause major structural damage, including shattered windows, doors blown completely out of their jambs, load-bearing walls displaced from foundations and roofs lifted off of supporting walls,” states a press release from the fire department. “In many cases this extraction technique results in severe burn and blast injuries to BHO lab operators. In addition, innocent bystanders, including children, have been burned or otherwise seriously injured as BHO-related fires spread.”

The fires present significant risks for firefighters, according to Humboldt Bay Fire.

“Firefighters who have responded to these types of incidents report high-intensity fires that are difficult to extinguish,” states the press release. “Due to structural compromise and the potential for secondary explosions, there is significant risk of injury or loss of life to personnel who are extinguishing BHO-caused fires.” Humboldt Bay Fire is now changing its tactics. When it responds to a fire that appears to be the result of a hash lab, it will no longer send firefighters inside to attack the fire. Instead, firefighters will take a defensive position, dousing the fire from the outside by spraying water through doors or windows.

“We will continue to aggressively protect nearby homes and other buildings that could potentially catch fire due to spread from the originating hash lab,” the press release states.

The fire department will continue to enter burning buildings to search for and rescue trapped or injured occupants.

Across the bay in Arcata, the Arcata Fire District will continue its practice of assessing the dangers of each call individually.

“We approach every incident with caution,” said Arcata Fire Chief Desmond Cowan. “It’s hard to make a blanket statement right now on how we would approach an incident.”

Cowan said that each fire presents a unique set of circumstances. Deciding how to respond, he said, “is a dynamic process.”

The butane hash oil is made by taking cannabis clippings, placing them in a tube and forcing butane through it. The butane extracts THC from the clippings and creates an oily substance. That substance is heated to evaporate the butane.

Butane is heavier than air, so it can cloud up on the ground if there’s not proper ventilation. The gas can then be ignited by a stove pilot light, refrigerator motor or a lit cigarette. The result: BOOM!

Two local jewels unite

TOUCAN INC.

ARCATA – Toucan Inc. (known locally as Tomas Jewelry) and Baroni Designs Inc. announced last week that they are joining forces. As of Feb. 1, Baroni will be operating as part of Toucan.

“We are excited to start working alongside the talented team from Baroni,” stated Chris Albright, CEO of Toucan Inc. “We are welcoming all of their employees onto our team and making space for them in our headquarters building on Eighth Street.”

“This is a great strategic fit with very little overlap between our brands, products or skills,” said Sarah Phaneuf, CEO and founder of Baroni. “My team and I are excited to take advantage of Toucan’s resources and capabilities.”

The Baroni brand will

be added to Toucan’s current stable of brands including Tomas, Body Art by Tomas, Emily by Tomas and HotSilver.

Baroni is known for its artisanal, sterling silver and mixed metal designs. It sells primarily to specialty accounts, through chains like the Pottery Barn and directly to consumers through their catalogs and website. Baroni has operated in Arcata since its founding in 1991.

Toucan sells value-oriented sterling silver jewelry to specialty dealers and larger retail chains. They are also the largest supplier of body jewelry to large retailers like Wal-Mart, chains like Piercing Pagoda and department stores like Nordstrom. Toucan was founded in Arcata many years ago by its current owner, Tom Perrett.

County to borrow \$16 million for projects

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The county is chipping away at its huge building maintenance backlog by borrowing \$16 million for various projects.

At its Jan. 19 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved borrowing \$5.6 million for an initial round of work. The first phase of borrowing will cover costs associated with reconstruction of the county Juvenile Hall facility, replacing the building that now houses the Public Defender’s Office, a remodeling of the District Attorney’s Office, replacing the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office and upgrading the restaurant at the county’s main airport. Public Works Director Tom Mattson said the total cost of the projects will be about \$16 million – which is only a fraction of the county’s \$200 million backlog of building maintenance.

But he acknowledged the financial impact. “I know it is a big hit,” he said.

The county previously borrowed money for projects like construction of its animal shelter. Interim County Administrative Officer Cheryl Dillingham said existing debt will be paid off

by 2026.

The new round of borrowing will increase the county’s annual debt payments by about \$500,000 when debt payments start in 2020, she continued, then rise to about \$1 million a year for four years before tapering to the level paid now.

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“We believe we can come up with the funding to cover this and we will get a brand new building and get rid of a lot of deferred maintenance also,” Dillingham said.

Of the initial funding request, \$2.1 million is for the Juvenile Hall rebuild and \$1.4 million is for the Agricultural Commissioner’s Office project.

An additional \$1.2 million is for rebuilding the Public Defender’s Office facility, which will allow the county’s Assessor, Auditor/Controller, Treasurer/Tax Collector, and Elections departments to move into it.

That will open space for re-locating the Public Defender’s Office into

the county courthouse building and adding new courtrooms there. The associated District Attorney’s Office remodel accounts for \$900,000 of the initial funding package.

A remodeling of the main airport’s restaurant is the lowest-cost request at \$250,000 but Supervisor Virginia Bass highlighted its importance as a potential revenue source for the county’s cash-strapped Airport Enterprise Fund.

“I really hope that we can move that forward sooner rather than later because as we all know there’s a lot of red that’s hemorrhaging over there,” Bass said.

She was nonplussed when Mattson told her the project will be finished in 2017. “I have an issue with that,” said Bass, adding that it was not the right time to talk further and “we’ll work on that one later.”

Supervisors acknowledged the need for all the projects, with Supervisor Ryan Sundberg saying that he was “shocked” at the condition of the Public Defender’s building when he first toured it in 2010.

Supervisors unanimously approved the first phase of borrowing for the roster of projects.

Chase ends with smashed up cars, arrest in Arcata

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

ARCATA BOTTOM – On Thursday, Feb. 4, a Humboldt County deputy sheriff observed a vehicle driving on State Route 255 between Manila and Arcata at about 25 mph above the posted speed limit.

The deputy pursued the vehicle, which failed to yield. The suspect, 18-year-old Tyler Bartlett, attempted to flee by turning onto J Street in Arcata, where his vehicle collided with a parked car. The vehicle then turned and collided with another parked car.

Bartlett exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The Arcata Police Department responded to assist. Bartlett was apprehended at the intersection of Sixth and K streets by APD Officers.



Tyler Bartlett

A search of Bartlett’s person produced a switchblade knife.

Deputies searched Bartlett’s vehicle and located a modified AK-47 assault-type rifle, along with several high-capacity magazines loaded with live ammunition.

Bartlett was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked on suspicion of illegally possessing an assault weapon, carrying a switchblade on his person, possession of a large capacity magazine, evading a peace officer, hit and run resulting in property damage and speeding.

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OPINION

Arcata's well-traveled cannon and its storied history

The gun was offloaded at the California Barrel Factory (where Wing Inflatables currently resides) and towed up to the Arcata Veterans' memorial Building (Vets' Hall). Originally a flagpole was there and the gun sat to the north of the sidewalk, but was later moved to the south side to allow for a wheelchair ramp. They set bolts in the slab for tie-downs, but never used them.

A significant clue about the cannon was right on the barrel; four lines of mostly pictographic characters above the breech. I wondered who I could find to

translate, then remembered a distant cousin who has a son in Japan.

Lee said indeed, his son speaks fluent Japanese, and supplied his email address. I shot off a couple photos of the inscriptions with

a plea for help and a day later I learned more than I ever expected.

The top line says it's a Model 92, 10 centimeters (four inches) cannon. The third line, below the No. 136, says it was made by the Osaka Infantry Armory, and the bottom line tells us it was built in 1941. He went on Wikipedia to find a link to the armory where the gun was built and another link to the gun itself.

All is in Japanese, which I can't read, but the page showed a picture of an identical gun. He deciphered that "the series was first built in 1923 but was redesigned several times until its birth as a Model 92 in 1935. It was valued for its portability, but considered a bit lacking in power."

I had to laugh about "valued for its portability," thinking back to the rumor of it once having been moved up to Humboldt State's campus. The stories I'd heard were that Jim Ely never admitted to being part of that prank, but that he had returned it. While that sounds suspicious, Jim was the sort of guy who might have brought such a thing back regard-



MYSTERY MARKINGS Model 92, subject of much mystery and pranks, revealed its secrets after detective work by the late Marino Sichi. It was built in 1941 by the Osaka Infantry Armory and can – or could – deliver a shell to a target 35 miles away.

PHOTOS BY BOB FELTER

less, so who's to accuse? I considered Jim a friend but he passed away before I thought to ask about it. A call to his sister, MaryAnn, however, led to a phone number for one of his best friends, Norm Eaton, who now lives in North Carolina.

Norm said that he had never admitted to taking the cannon either. Some prodding eventually led to a story. Other than Jim, Norm couldn't recall who else was involved, nor who had the idea, but one night in 1956 around three in the morning, about four guys hitched it up behind Norm's '46 Plymouth. "I didn't have a trailer hitch or anything, I think we just tied it to the bumper or somewhere with some rope. We had to drive up the old way to Founders Hall, and somehow we got it up on the sidewalk below the front doors with it aimed out over the town. Things were pretty quiet in those days, but there were street lights and we couldn't believe nobody saw us." I asked Norm if what he revealed could be mentioned. "Yes, go ahead, I don't think they'll be coming after us, now." When I forwarded the story to Virgil he recalled, "Yes, people used to say the gun should be turned a little and aimed toward City Hall."

Virgil mentioned another story that supposedly took place about 1955. The Sheriff's Office had a

call from a citizen that a cannon was being towed up Highway 101. They caught up with the vehicle nearly in Orick, where the culprits were made to bring it back. After those incidents he said they used a long pipe wrench and locked the brakes tightly, which are probably rusted together by now. Later, a museum in Oregon persistently tried to purchase it, but the Lodge wouldn't let it go.

My original quest to talk to Marino wasn't in vain. I contacted his daughter, Janet Kelly, to learn if she had come across any information in his estate. I commend her for the time she put into digging through the papers of a man who I was told "never threw anything away." A couple of days later she called back to say she had found some information.

Indeed, Marino had contacted the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco in 1995 and the Vice Consul, Koji Tsuchiya had replied with information that verified what I'd learned. "The Model 92 is readily recognized by its long slender barrel and tail (the entire gun is 27 feet long,

the barrel almost 16 feet), and it has been designed for long-range fire. Other distinctive features are the pronounced length of the sleigh and the three step interrupted thread breechblock. The recoil system is hydropneumatic. Mounted on heavily constructed wooden wheels with solid rubber tires, the weapon is normally tractor drawn but may be drawn by a five-ton truck. It is capable of firing a high explosive (long pointed shell), chemical or armor-piercing projectile. Time fuses are provided for the smoke, incendiary, and chemical shells. Total weight

added that because "the position of the center of gravity was considered, these cannons were towed by automobiles."

In addition, Mr. Hattori added "many type 92 cannons were used by the Japanese Army in WW2, including the Battle of Bataan, Philippines." He did not know exactly where our serial No. 136 was used during the war.

One question still lingered in my mind. Why is the second line on the breech, the "No 136," seemingly in English? Earlier, one bit of false information had sidetracked me into thinking the

cannon was actually British, supplied to British-held Singapore, then captured by the Japanese when they invaded China. The last line, the date of manufacture implies numbers in Japanese and it didn't make sense. I decided to email Matt in Japan again. He replied, "As for the numbers on the cannon, after the Meiji Restoration in the 1860s, lots of ideas and technology from the West were actively sought out and imported. It was during this time that Arabic numerals made their way here. Even so, they didn't completely replace kanji (Chinese writing system adapted to Japanese) num-

bering, which is still used today alongside Arabic numerals."

One facet I did not research is the stenciling in durable red ink on the breech close to the Japanese engraving. I can only guess the Z2 FMAR 198 was put there by our government to identify the artifact as it was requisitioned or entered our country. I felt I'd learned enough, however and can let that question lie.

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is 3,730 kg. (8,206 lbs). In addition to the barrel being able to tilt upward to 45 degrees and downward five degrees, it could swing 36 degrees (right or left). It had a range of about 18 km (something like 11 miles; Hello Humboldt Hill!, Greetings Westhaven!)." The weight of a typical shell was 15.76 kg, close to 35 lbs.

The vice consul must have contacted a fellow countryman, because a second letter from a Syogo Hattori, History Division; National Institute for Defense Studies arrived in Marino's mail several months later from Tokyo. It contained identical information, but

Wrangling waste will address myriad problems, bring opportunity

At the end of January, the Arcata City Council and staff met in a study session with representatives of Zero Waste Humboldt, the organization founded by Margaret Gainer to continue the struggle to get our consumption and waste-making under control after the loss of the original Arcata Recycling Center. Besides Gainer, the council heard from Julie Layshock, Humboldt State lecturer in environmental chemistry, and Maureen Hart of the Humboldt Waste Management Authority.

The move towards a "global economy" has not been good for recycling or waste reduction. Instead of confronting our own over-consumption over the last 30 or so

years, recycling became an export industry. We didn't need to deal with all our waste plastic, electronics and such here because the Chinese would take it. That was never more than a short-term solution and led to wide swings in prices paid for recyclables. Now the Chinese have enough waste plastic of their own and don't want ours anymore.

In the long run, this is a good thing. Just consider the carbon footprint of shipping tons of plastic waste to China. How was that ever going to help us combat climate change or save the ocean from complete destruction? Now that we don't have the option of avoiding consequences of our own making anymore, we have to come up

with a new plan.

The city is under a mandate to reduce the amount of waste its citizens are making and will be focusing on two areas of the waste stream, those being organic/food waste and paper. But instead of shipping that somewhere else, the idea is to find a local use. Arcata's Fire & Light Originals glassware is the example that first comes to mind when considering remanufacturing a local waste product.

But according to Hart, there are many possibilities for reusing and remaking the things we throw away. These reuse enterprises lend themselves to cooperative and small scale business structures, from composting to remaking used mattresses to shredding cardboard for repacking to pos-

sibilities waiting to be discovered.

As we used to say in recycling, there is no "away" for the things we toss out. Everything goes somewhere. Think of all that plastic contaminating our oceans. Seeing waste as feedstock for re-useable manufacture has the potential to enhance our local economy and reduce the impact of waste on our local environment. And because of pioneers like Gainer, Layshock and Hart, there are programs to help creative entrepreneurs get started.

Mary Ella Anderson recommends a visit to the Zero Waste and Humboldt Waste Management Authority websites to learn more about the re-manufacturing potential of our waste stream.



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OPINION

Freedom from fragrant chemicals

In a recent edition of this paper, under the event listings, one talk that was to take place at Eureka High included a "no fragrance" requirement for attendees. That sentence made me so happy!

I have multiple chemical sensitivity. This has been a terrible, difficult development for me because around two years ago I was fine. My triggers are plastic, petroleum and "fragrance," not surprisingly because all fragrance (unless it is based on essential oils) is petroleum based.

People douse themselves and/or their laundry with fragrance, then go out in public radiating fumes for several feet around themselves. At best they are probably unaware that all "fragrance" is petroleum based and therefore toxic to all, especially children. At worst, it is very inconsiderate.

The "fragrance" in laundry products is more virulent than ever, and studies are proving that they are carcinogenic. Whether we are breathing the fumes from dryer vents or rising off of people's clothing, it is intrusive and health threatening.

For your health and the health of your loved ones, please switch to unscented or free and clear products. Aren't we up against enough toxics as it is?

I am practically unable to enter second-hand shops any more, and the last pair of pants I purchased, I aired out of doors for two weeks, laundered them twice and still can't wear them. They still reek. That this stuff clings so tenaciously to fabric makes me wonder what it is doing to our precious water!

And by the way, these are the same scents used in kitty litter. Not only are you toxic, you smell like a cat box!

Adrian Bruce
Blue Lake

LETTERS

Supes' compensation questioned

Recently, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approved a compensation package for the classified union employees. The agreement is comprised of a three percent increase in April 2016, two percent in July 2016 and two percent in January 2017. The county will also increase the contribution to CalPERS by three percent. Included in the board's action will be a resolution which will allow them to accept the same compensation package.

At present, there are positions in the Health and Human Services Department with salaries such that they qualify for the same assistance that they administer to their clients.

Presently, the members of the board receive a salary of \$81,600. With the \$5,480 increase, their salary will increase to \$87,450. Using an average salary of \$35,000 for the classified union positions, the salary will increase by \$2,300, to \$37,500. The numbers indicate that the percent of salary increase for the boardmembers is much larger than the classified union employees. I believe the cost of living increase is the same for everyone, yet the compensation packages do not reflect that.

One supervisor commented that the raise was minimal compared to the hours they put in and how expensive travel is as part of their job duties.

I find it hard to believe that the boardmembers benefit from an agreement that other bargaining units have negotiated.

Scott R. Baker
McKinleyville

Dangers of the herb

Thank you, Paul Mann, for your article on the downsides of marijuana (*Union*, Jan. 27). Knowing its effects on the developing brain, the number of psychotic breaks adults are suffering from its frequent use, as well as the high THC content in today's weed (which is not medicinal in nature), I have been very disturbed by the lack of dialogue around these issues.

My only complaint to the *Union* is that the article was not put on the front page in its entirety.

Given the direction of our county and country, scientific research and information needs to become public knowledge to help inform policy decisions. Just as there are warnings about cigarette smoking and alcohol consumption, people of all ages need to be aware of the inherent dangers of this herb in today's form.

Please keep talking about this, Paul – you seem to be the only public voice in this county that is speaking up!

Rita Carole
Arcata

Driscoll's duneworthy solutions

It wasn't real clear on what Brad Job was trying to say in his letter regarding Uri Driscoll and beach grass (*Union*, Feb. 3). Why he considers Mr. Driscoll's career as a professional farrier worthy of criticism seems unnecessarily spiteful. Not only is Mr. Driscoll highly skilled at what he does professionally, he is one of the most educated people in the county on what is going on with dune management. He has taken a huge amount of his own time to learn what is happening and we should be grateful he is raising a big red flag.

For Mr. Job to suggest that tourists are coming in droves to look at a flower and therefore we should keep spending millions in a vain attempt to remove a grass that is here to stay, is just plain ridiculous. They do both seem to agree that homelessness needs more attention but I only see Mr. Driscoll offering any solutions.

Kevin Collins
McKinleyville

Don't judge Wheetley prematurely

Regarding the DUI arrest of Mark Wheetley (*Union*, Jan. 13), I would encourage folks to reserve judgment until more is known about the incident, as Mark has requested. I know Mark to be a stand-up guy with a lengthy record of public service. He deserves our patience in this matter, and an opinion of him that considers the whole package. Mark has a lot more positive things to accomplish for our community.

Randy Klein
Arcata

Driving forward into the future

The U.S. Department of Transportation is proposing to spend up to \$4 billion to help the rapidly expanding autonomous-vehicle industry, but I suspect very little of that money will find its way to Humboldt County. It is primarily intended to fund testing of Internet-connected vehicles on major interstate highways.

The segments of U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 299 that pass through our area will probably be among the last to be equipped with the high tech gear to support self-driving cars.

The challenging geography defeats reliable radio, cell phone and GPS signals, so interactive motoring is a long time off. The feds are mostly interested in what they call designated corridors. Tesla is already hinting about a car that could travel independently from San Francisco to New York City to pick up the owner, even recharging itself along the way.

There will likely be plenty of carping in Congress about "wasteful" spending, but the department's major goals are safety and emissions reduction. More than three quarters of vehicle accidents are due to driver error – that number could be cut to nearly zero. And coordination between computer-controlled cars is expected to minimize harmful emissions as traffic jams are eased.

It only makes sense that the rollout will be in densely populated areas with crammed roadways. Some of the infrastructure already exists, monitoring traffic flows – or stagnation. Robot cars that could communicate with control centers and each other could dramatically reduce congestion.

Up until now, the biggest progress has been made by Google, a technology company. But major automakers are jumping onto the bandwagon, which will propel progress at a much faster rate. The Big Three can churn out robot cars by the millions.

When they get here, there will be big

benefits. Just replacing impaired drivers with computers will be a big safety plus. Most of us probably think we are much better drivers than a robot, but that the robots will be better than most of the other drivers on the road.

Because our local economy depends on visitors, how our area integrates with the designated corridors



will be critical. The feds are open to the concept of cars without steering wheels or pedals. How would that work if a visitor wanted to turn off U.S. Highway 101 onto the Avenue of the Giants?

Nearly all our attractions are off the main highways. Transporting people and their stuff could be a big problem. Depending on who you believe, robot cars could be in general use in five to 15 years; can Humboldt be ready that soon?

National parks in general tend to be hundreds of miles from population centers. Yosemite, with serious emission issues in the valley, could benefit from robot cars which could be sent to remote parking areas outside the park, but who would provide security? In fact, the insurance industry stands to undergo a sea change on a lot of fronts.

Rates are expected to drop, because collisions should become a thing of the past. But if something goes wrong, who will be responsible, the car owner or the automaker? If the Internet signal suddenly vanishes – which happens pretty often around here – what's to prevent chaos on the roads?

Completely autonomous cars would solve a lot of problems. Seniors who can't drive because of medical problems are obvious customers. But will high prices lock them out of the market?

That's another reason Humboldt is likely to lag behind on acquiring robot cars. The prices will probably be pretty steep, and in a county where people are still driving their parents' pickups from the 1960s, it will be a

while before everyone converts to the new technology. With HSU students constantly infusing the area with cutting-edge lifestyles, maybe they will introduce new ways to finance their education.

The Uber or Lyft model requires a driver, but a robot car doesn't. What if you could book a ride to school for the kids while the car owner is in class? What would be the lower age limit for children to ride without adult supervision?

Removing amateur drivers from the roads will almost certainly provide a net safety benefit, but what about all the people who currently drive for a living? The long-distance trucking industry faces a driver shortage as retirement looms for many drivers, so autonomous trucks might be an attractive option. It's an unhealthy lifestyle that doesn't seem to appeal to younger folks.

The classic issue with robots remains. Taking over tedious, repetitive jobs that humans don't do well also puts humans out of work. Our economy is already designed to run best without enough good jobs to go around. Will robot cars make that worse?

Elizabeth Alves wonders how the sensors on robot cars will handle rain, fog and snow. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.

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THE PLAZA'S PROLIFIC PAINTER

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ARCATA — You may have seen Antoinette "Toni" Magyar painting on the Plaza during the Farmers' Markets.

She loves to paint the fruit, the veggies, the flowers, the people. And she loves to paint them together. One of her most successful paintings happened when a little girl wandered by, waving a huge pink dahlia. Magyar captured the moment.

Other paintings from the market include farmworkers with their arms full of produce.

You'll see these and more at her new one-woman show, titled "Paintings from the Plaza and Beyond," which opens Friday, Feb. 12 at the Upstairs Gallery at Umpqua Bank, 1063 G St., Arcata.

Magyar loves the jazz at Libation, the wine shop and tasting bar on the south side of the Plaza. Her painting "Libation" celebrates the convivial atmosphere there, with owner Ed Bernard featured prominently in the group of tasters.

Other paintings to be included in the show are still "on the easel," according to Magyar who works at white hot speed to finish paintings.

Magyar has been living and painting in Humboldt County for three years. She's currently artist-in-residence at the Westhaven Center for the Arts. She works at Strawberry

LIBATION Toni Magyar's painting captures the conviviality at the Arcata Plaza wine bar, featuring Libation owner Ed Bernard at right, probably expounding on the finer points of a rare vintage or delicious imported cheese.

Rock Gallery in Trinidad and has made that gallery an example of how to hang a good show. She's also active in the Redwood Art Association.

Magyar also loves mural work. Her 360-degree view of Trinidad is a tourist attraction at the Lighthouse Grill in the Trinidad Shopping Center. If Magyar is having a glass of wine with friends there, she can be heard urging folks to "use the bathroom. That's where my mural is."

She may get some strange looks at first, but always hears compliments after people take her advice.

A local woman was so taken with the mural that she offered the artist \$50 to include her parked car in the background. Magyar happily complied.

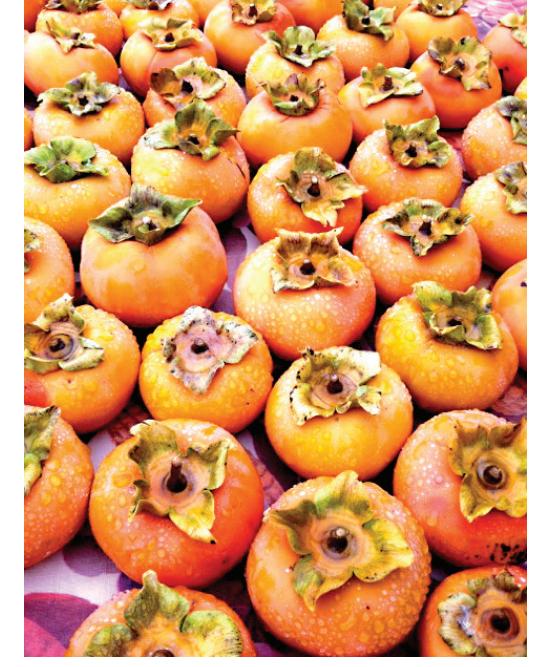
Then the woman's husband wanted his Mustang in the mural as well. All joking aside, it cost him \$100 and he was happy about it.

Magyar also painted a sea life scene on the ceiling at the entry of the restaurant and recently completed a compass enclosed map of Trinidad on the side of the town's information center.

"Paintings from the Plaza and Beyond" opens during Arts! Arcata (see listings below) and runs through February.

For more information, or to have your car inserted into a mural, email Toni at tonimagyar@comcast.net.

PERSIMMONS Photograph from "Field to Table," works by Lauren Sarabia at Café Brio.



Persimmons, portraits & paintings

M and February's featured guest, GMG. This is a monthly community event dedicated to keeping the art of hip hop alive. All emcees and lyricists are welcome to freestyle or recite verses with live DJs.

Fire Arts Center 520 South G St. — "Mixed Bag!" works by Diane Sonderegger and Natalie Williams, plus live music.

Folie Douce 1551 G St. — Works by Megan Atherton, Jake Mondragon and Gina Tuzzi.

Gallery Métier 1034 H St. — "Dark Matter," works by Edson Gutierrez, apprentice at Sailor's Grave Tattoo; wine pour benefits the Humboldt Skate Park Collective.

Garden Gate 905 H St. — Paintings by Ginny Thonson and music by the Honky Tonk Detours; wine pour benefits the Greenview Playground Project.

Humboldt Juice Works 933 I St. — Photo-

graphs by Adam Taylor and music by La Musique Diabolique (Gypsy jazz).

Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 24 Fellowship Way (off Jacoby Creek Road), Bayside — "Around Humboldt Bay," woodblock prints by Roberta "Berti" Welty and "Sculptural Explorations," bronze sculptures (for one night only); Celtic and Irish music by Crested Hens (Seabury Gould and Liz Thompson); finger food and beverages.

Arcata Exchange 813 H St. — Photographs by Alex Nosenzo and music by Pure Mongrel; wine pour benefits the Companion Animal Foundation.

Bubbles 1031 H St. — Music by Clean Livin'. **Café Brio** 791 G St. — "Field to Table," photographs by Lauren Sarabia.

Fatböl Clothing 1063 H St. — Cyphers #13, with host NAC ONE, resident DJ

Libation Wine Shop & Bar 761 Eighth St. — "Valentine's Day Art," by Rocky Whitlow; music by Duncan Burgess.

Moonrise Herbs 826 G St. — "Alchemical Resonance Series," gold leaf on wood paintings by Sarah Beckstrom; music by Kyle from ARhythmKick Productions, guitar with ambient backgrounds.

PastaLuego 791 Eighth St. — Flor de Luna local boutique wines and artisan pizzas.

Plaza 808 G St. — "North Coast Shorescapes, Glaciers and Lovely Bugs," mixed media and oil monotypes by Claire Iris Schenck; Septentrio wine pour benefits Arcata Main Street.

Plaza View Room 791 Eighth St. — "Metaphorical Portraits," layered portraits fused with symbolism by Arcata Arts Institute students.

Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. 550 South G St. — Photographs by Mia Pirillo.

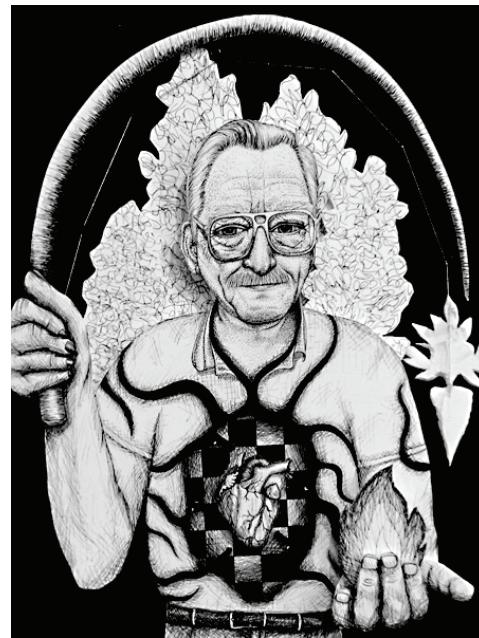
Redwood Yogurt 1573 G St. — Paintings, drawings, digital media, photography, an eclectic body of work by Arcata Arts Institute students.

Sacred Empire 853 H St. — Black Market Art Company art prints by Susana Alonso, Tyler Bredeweg, Mikey Sarratt, Clark North, Siege, Spyder and others.

The Sanctuary 1301 J St. — "Magnolia Tree," watercolors by Marisa Kieselhorst and colorful pure abstract paintings by Sierra Martin.

Stokes, Hamer, 1091 H St. — "Henna Art," inspired henna hand designs by Lauren Fox, by donation.

Arts! Arcata is the second Friday of every month. Visit arcatamainstreet.com, find Arts! Arcata on Facebook, or call (707) 822-4500 for more information.



METAPHORICAL PORTRAIT Arcata Art Institute students show their work in the Plaza View Room in Jacoby's Storehouse.

ELEGANCE Woodblock print by Roberta "Berti" Welty showing at Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship throughout the month of February.

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA/BAYSIDE — Arts! Arcata, Arcata Main Street's monthly celebration of visual and performing arts, is Friday, Feb. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. See some lovely art at the following locations.

Arcata Artisans 883 H St. — Acrylic paintings on canvas and paper by Kathryn Stotler and sculptural and functional pieces including massive sculptures, free-form wooden bowls and a large sitting bench by Zachary Shea.

Arcata Exchange 813 H St. — Photographs by Alex Nosenzo and music by Pure Mongrel; wine pour benefits the Companion Animal Foundation.

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WOOD TURNERS The Redwood Coast Woodturners meet **Thursday, Feb. 11**, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at McKinleyville Middle School, 2285 Central Ave. Attendance is free. All interested in wood turning are welcome, beginner to pro, no prior experience needed. This meeting will focus on turning spheres freehand (no expensive jigs), and celtic knot glue-ups, with presenter Peter Johnson. (707) 499-9569

TNT LIVE This **Thursday, Feb. 11**, on KHSU 90.5 FM's *Thursday Night Talk*, Danielle Orr talks with Judith Orloff, MD, author of *Emotional Freedom: Liberate Yourself From Negative Emotions and Transform Your Life*. Tune in and call in beginning at 7 p.m. khsu.org

WINTER IN WESTHAVEN Experience a taste of Trinidad Art Nights, currently in its off season, in one event. Boasting a variety show, art displays and crafting tables, along with food from the Lighthouse Grill, wine from Moonstone Crossing, and other drinks and snacks, this event is fun for the whole family. **Friday, Feb. 12** marks the final installment of Winter in Westhaven, so be sure to attend! This month's variety show includes fire dancing by Circus of the Elements, puppet-making and show by Sean Powers, stories by Paul Woodland, original music by Josephine Johnson, and more. From 6 to 9 p.m., gather at the Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr. Admission is \$5/free for kids; all proceeds benefit Trinidad Art Nights. (707) 502-5737. westhavencenter.org

TWO TIMES 2X4 Doug Fir & the 2x4s play classic rock and beyond at the Fieldbrook General Store, 4636 Fieldbrook Rd., on **Friday, Feb. 12** at 7:30 p.m. and then at Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville, on **Saturday, Feb. 13** at 9 p.m.

DOUBLE DETOURS The Honky Tonk Detours play back-to-back shows **Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13**. The vintage and alt-country band plays Friday at The Garden

Gate, Ninth and H streets, in Arcata, for Arts! Arcata from 6 to 9 p.m. They'll perform Saturday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Mad River Brewery, 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake. Both shows are free. "We love old and new country music, and we include some of Jake Wiegandt's originals," said drummer Paul DeMark. "There's a lot to it. It's got soul and its fun to play. That's it. Any questions?"

BOOK SALE The Friends of the McKinleyville Library holds its monthly used book sale celebrating National Library Lovers Month on **Saturday, Feb. 13** from 1 to 4 p.m. The sale will feature a collection of books that center around books – such as fiction with plots involving books and libraries, books with tips for polishing writing skills and advice from inspiring authors about how to write that first novel. As always, there will be a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction selections as well as the \$2/bag sale tables out front. Look for the red and white Book Sale sign near the Totem Pole at the McKinleyville Shopping Center. All proceeds support programs and projects of the McKinleyville Library. Donations of used books in good condition are always appreciated. Bring them to the sale for review, or into the McKinleyville Library during their open hours.

LEARN TO JUGGLE Experience live jugglers and explore circus arts during Family Arts Day on **Saturday, Feb. 13** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Enjoy a juggling lesson by the Humboldt Juggling Society and create your own circus-inspired art. This Family Arts Day is sponsored by Piereson's Building Center and is included with regular admission to the museum: \$5/\$2 seniors and students/free for children and museum members.

5 DOLLA HOLA World Famous and Arcata Theatre Lounge present a very special night of back-to-back sets from locals Rhizae x Skinny P, Zanapod x Kwovaldus and MCG x Treemeista with opening DJ set by HYPHA. Cover is \$5 all night, **Saturday, Feb. 13** at 9:30 p.m. at 1036 G St. in Arcata.

POP & PUNK Humboldt Free Radio presents The Wild Lungs (Arcata mega-pop) and TOIM (Portland punk) at The Alibi, 744 Ninth St., Arcata, **Saturday, Feb. 13** at 11 p.m. There is a \$5 cover for this 21 and over show. The war between pop & punk is over.

VALENTINE'S TEA Join the Historical Sites Society of Arcata for its annual Valentine's Tea, **Sunday, Feb. 14** from 2 to 4 p.m. at Phillips House Museum, Seventh and Union streets, Arcata. Bring your friends and sweethearts to a lovely afternoon of tea and history at Arcata's historical museum. arcatahistory.org

VALENTINE'S RUMBA Take your

sweetheart or yourself dancing this Valentine's Day! The Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, hosts a Valentine's Day Dance in partnership with USA Dance on **Sunday, Feb. 14** at 2 p.m. Enjoy a rumba lesson and dancing amidst the beautiful setting of the Morris Graves. This special Afternoon of Dance event is supported by Threadbare Dancewear and is included with regular museum admission: \$5/\$2 seniors and students/free for children and museum members.

CHAMBER MUSIC The Eureka Symphony's annual chamber music benefit concert is **Sunday, Feb. 14** at 3 p.m. at the Eureka Woman's Club, 1531 J St. The concert features Terrie Baune on violin, Carol Jacobson on cello and John Chernoff on piano, performing trios by Mozart and Dvořák. Refreshments are available and the performers will talk about the pieces being played. Tickets available at eurekasymphony.org, by phone at (707) 845-3655 or at the door. There is general seating and the doors open at 2 p.m.

SWING DANCE Dance away the most romantic night of the year! Spend Valentine's Day, with Burt's Big Band, **Sunday, Feb. 14** from 8 to 11 p.m. at the historic Eureka Inn, 518 Seventh St., Eureka. Free show! facebook.com/eurekabigband

BENEFITS OF FIGHTING FAIR How fighting fair can make marriages and other relationships better will be explored at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, Feb. 14** at 7 p.m. The program, titled "Conquering Conflict: Healthy Ways to Tackle Disagreements," features a filmed interview with doctors Les and Leslie Parrott, whose relationship-building work has been featured on CNN, *Good Morning America*, *Oprah*, and the *New York Times* bestseller list. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com, lifetreecafe.com

GRAMMY NIGHT Dress up and watch the Grammys at the Mad River Brewing Co. Tap Room, 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, **Monday, Feb. 15** starting at 5 p.m. Hoppy hour prices during the whole show!

DOG DAY AFTERNOON Bring your pooch to the patio of Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, **Tuesday, Feb. 16**. Hot dog specials from the kitchen, adoptable dogs on-site from 5 to 7 p.m., and feral jazz by Dogbone from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

HELP KEV'S HIKE Have lunch or dinner at Plaza Grill in Jacoby's Storehouse **Tuesday, Feb. 16** to help fund *Union* Editor-at-Large Kevin Hoover's Pacific Crest Trail charity hike. Ten percent of proceeds will be donated to help offset hike expenses. crushallboxes.blogspot.com

♦ CASTING CALL

Star in 'Moon Over Buffalo'

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE

EUREKA – The North Coast Repertory Theatre (NCRT) announces open auditions for the comedy *Moon Over Buffalo* on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 14 and 15 at 6 p.m. each evening. Director Scott Malcolm seeks four men for characters in their late 20s through their 50s and four women for characters in their 20s to their 70s.

In the madcap comedy tradition of *Lend Me a Tenor*, the hilarious *Moon Over Buffalo* centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. At the moment, they're playing *Private Lives* and *Cyrano De Bergerac* in rep in Buffalo, New York with five actors. On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George's dalliance with a young ingénue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinée, and if likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they're actually performing, caused by Charlotte's deaf old mother who hates every bone in George's body.

All roles require movement and may include minimal stage combat and pratfalls. The roles of Charlotte and George require a brief sword fight and will be required to work with a fight choreographer.

Actors will read from the script. Dress comfortably and be prepared for movement if needed. No appointment is necessary. Auditions will be held at NCRT, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Production dates are July 21 through August 13. Contact NCRT at (707) 268-0175 if you have any questions.

♦ CD RELEASE PARTY

You spin me right round, MJ

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

ARCATA – The original motion picture soundtrack for the upcoming Dell'Arte film *Mary Jane: A Musical Potumentary* will debut for public listening and sales at a CD release party on Monday, Feb. 15 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Richards' Goat Tavern and Tea Room, 401 I St., Arcata. Visit with artists and members of the production team, preview and purchase the official motion picture soundtrack, watch exclusive clips from the film, and sing along with the Mary Jane band.

Mary Jane: A Musical Potumentary is a film adaptation of Dell'Arte International's highest-attended stage production, *Mary Jane: The Musical*, an original musical revue that explores the social, economic and political issues surrounding cannabis cultivation and legalization in Humboldt County.

Devised by Dell'Arte Artistic Director Michael Fields, the production draws on voices from across the county. Ten local songwriters contributed to the 17 songs featured on the soundtrack and in the stage production after Fields put out a call to local musicians to write about Humboldt cannabis culture. The songs vary in musical styles and approaches from Bollywood to reggae to salsa.

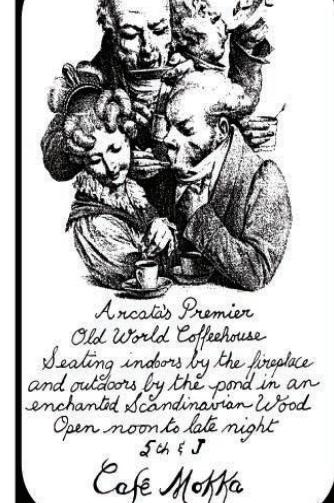
Lila Nelson's "Grow Inside" is a humorous story of unrequited love between an indoor plant and outdoor plant. Joanie Rose's "My Son" laments the effects of children raised in a black market family business. Scott Menzie's songs pull no punches about the psychic and environmental impact of the local multi-million dollar industry and the threat of corporate interests.

Attendees at the party will get a first look at the film, produced in partnership with Emmy-nominated filmmaker John Howarth. *Mary Jane: A Musical Potumentary* takes the story off the stage and into the hills where musical numbers and documentary footage were shot on location throughout Humboldt County. Admission is free. maryjanemusical.com, (707) 668-5663

VENUE	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10	THURSDAY, FEB. 11	FRIDAY, FEB. 12	SATURDAY, FEB. 13	SUNDAY, FEB. 14	MONDAY, FEB. 15	TUESDAY, FEB. 16
Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	5:30 p.m. Democratic Debate	8 p.m. • Bowie: Serious Moonlight (1983)	9:30 p.m. 5 Dollar Holla	5:30 p.m. Labyrinth (1986)		
Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	9 p.m. Nighthawk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool	9 p.m. All In DJ Night	9 p.m. Uptown Kings	9 p.m. Michelle Lambert	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Marv
Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	9 p.m. The Meditations		9:30 p.m. The Toasters	9 p.m. Soul Night No. 52		8 p.m. • Tommy Castro & the Painkillers	9 p.m. Joshua Davis
The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp		9 p.m. MFHouse	9 p.m. Naive Melodies	1 p.m. • Object Heavy 9 p.m. • Sundaze	9 p.m. Tom Rhodes	9 p.m. Comedy Night
Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	6 p.m. Duncan Burgess	7 p.m. RLA Trio			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	7 p.m. • Cribbage Tournament	8 p.m. Trivia Night	9 p.m. Kingfoot		6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Ping pong
Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Piet Dalmolen	6 p.m. Chris Darby	6 p.m. Jim Lahman Band	6 p.m. Honky Tonk Detours		5 p.m. Grammy Awards	6 p.m. Dogbone
Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata							
Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville				9 p.m. The Rockiteers	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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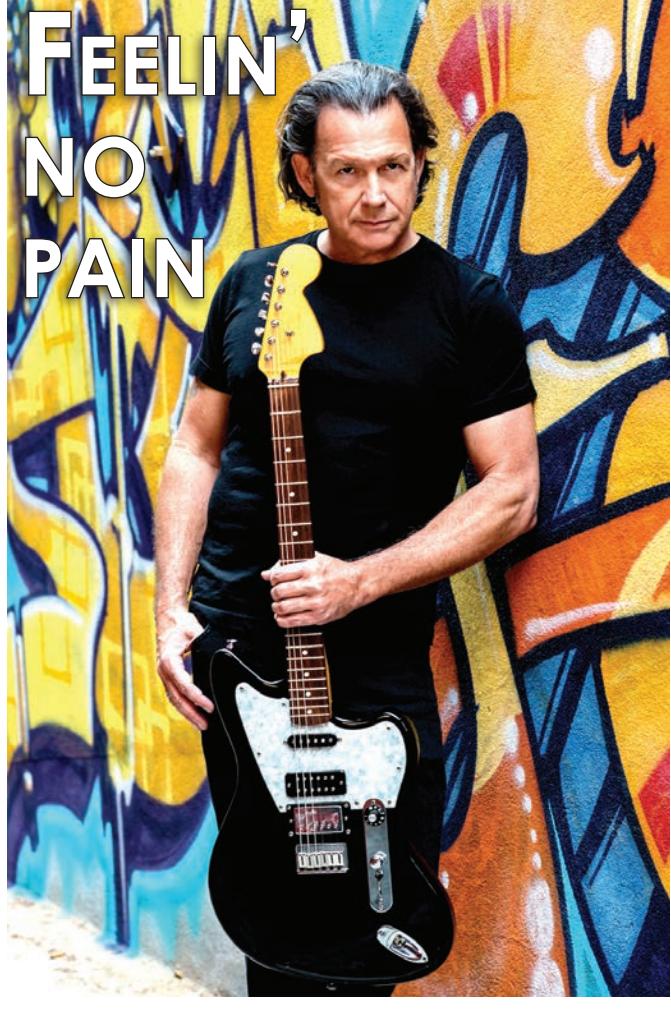


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MEN IN BLACK Johnny Cash tribute band Cash'd Out hit Arcata last Friday, rocking HumBrews. The Union couldn't resist getting the band out to the Craftsman's Mall, where a giant work of graffiti that is clearly visible from the 101 pays tribute to the departed singer. Band members George Bernardo (drums), Douglas Benson (vocals), Stephen Rey (bass) and Kevin Manuel (guitar) started out in San Diego and will hit clubs and bars everywhere, man, before coming back to play nearby in Oregon. Find complete tour info at cashdout.com. MATT FILAR | UNION



ROAD WARRIOR Bluesman Tommy Castro returns to Arcata this Monday.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — Tommy Castro & The Painkillers will serve up a serious dose of high-octane, toe-tapping, upbeat blues Monday, Feb. 15 at Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St. in Arcata.

The veteran rocker and his band are celebrating the release of their new album, *Method to My Madness*, which Castro says was produced "using no recording studio wizardry, just the unadulterated sound of the band."

Unadulterated is good way to describe the group's music. There's no Auto-Tune going on here, no elaborate mixing. They're not serving the musical equivalent of an overwrought frou frou cocktail with a sprig of basil and a little paper umbrella. This is straight up bourbon.

The music is gritty, raucous, hot-blooded and thoroughly danceable. It's fun stuff, reminiscent of the works of B.B. King, Elvin Bishop, Ray Charles and James Brown — just some of Castro's musical influences.

It's the kind of music you would play at a house party, or lose yourself in during a long road trip, especially the song "Ride," with its mesmerizing backbeat.

Keeping the whole musical show rocketing forward is Castro himself, whose vocals alternate from being gritty and fierce, to fervid, raw and simply beautiful, as in the soul ballad "Died and Gone to Heaven," in which Castro sounds eerily like Otis Redding.

Castro is backed by The Painkillers, featuring bassist Randy McDonald, keyboardist Michael Emerson and drummer Bowen Brown.

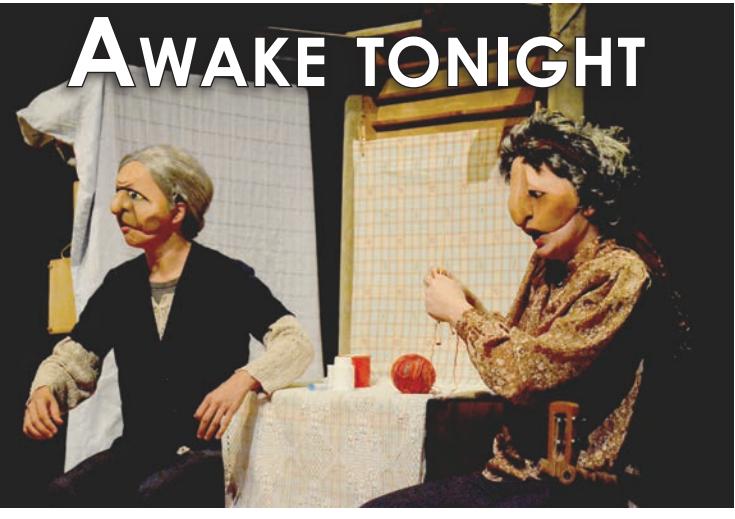
"With this album I was trying to get back to my main ingredients: blues and soul," Castro states in a press release. "I went for the energy of connecting with my band. We kept everything raw, capturing the feeling of playing live. I'm not about being perfect. I'm about being real."

The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20. humbrews.com



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WAKE UP Two women on a stage jump in and out of eight masked characters in a vibrant serenade. A show full of humor, action, tenderness and everyday drama. A lively lullaby in eight walks, eight voices and eight faces and eight ways to end and begin a day. *I Am Awake* plays at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., one evening only, today, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. Played, sung and performed by Sarah Liane Foster and Barbara Draeger, right, directed by Matteo Destro (who also created the masks) with scenography by Casey James Mulderig. Advance tickets are \$20/\$13. Playhouse members available at Wildberries Marketplace, through BrownPaperTickets.com or (707) 822-1575. SUBMITTED PHOTO



❖ THEATRE REVIEW

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ROGUES' GALLERY Rigel Schmitt, Tyler Egerer, Kaitlen Osburn and Christopher Kehoe in *The Threepenny Opera*. PHOTO BY GRETNA TURNER

Lauraine Leblanc

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA/FERNDALE — There's something about *The Threepenny Opera* that resists likeability. Its main character, after all, is Mack the Knife, yes, that guy, the shark in that eminently swinging tune about a cold-blooded killer. The rest of the crew — treacherous prostitutes, backstabbing thugs and corrupt cops — are no better. From the very debut of this satiric 1928 epic play-with-music by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, audiences and critics alike were aghast.

And yet *The Threepenny Opera*, especially in its current staging co-produced by the Arcata Playhouse and Ferndale Rep, is a great work. It's art, and as Mack the Knife snarls in Act 1, "art isn't nice." It's genius.

"Genius" is, in fact, the proper term for Scenic Designer Raymond Gutierrez' set, a crazy quilt of tilted platforms on which the actor/musicians perform. The set perpetually puts the actors off-balance, emphasizing the precariousness of their characters' lives, a liminal existence in which everything could, and often does, come crashing down on them.

Epic co-production of *The Threepenny Opera* isn't nice, but it's a work of art

"Genius" is not too strong a term for the choices made by Director Leira Satloff, who not only has the cast sing, but play instruments as well. As a result, the majority of the cast is onstage the whole time, witnessing every lie, betrayal and crime. If you watch the background players, the cast becomes a chorus, reacting to the onstage action. It's genius.

And that's only possible because the cast, itself, is so remarkable. Most double up on roles, most sing, and — it bears repeating — most play instruments, many of them, more than one. Right there, on stage. Without breaking character or missing a line.

While every member of the ensemble was exceptional on preview night, some notable performances must be acknowledged. Christopher Kehoe, in the role of Macheath, was perfectly charming and sleazy. He found a formidable match in Carl McGahan as Mr. Peachum, whose warm yet edgy voice filled every corner of the theatre.

The always-funny Kaitlen Osburn as Polly Peachum and her foil, the saucy Sarah McKinney as Lucy Brown, stood their ground, as well as Jackie Dandeneau in the role of Jenny. Osburn's rendition of "Pirate Jenny" was especially notable.

Costumes by Lynn Horrigan and choreography by Laura Muñoz were on point, and lighting by Michael Foster perfectly stark.

The Threepenny Opera is at the Arcata Playhouse until Feb. 14, then moves to the Ferndale Rep until Feb. 28. It would be fascinating to see it at each venue, to see it translated from the intimacy of the Playhouse, which puts the actors practically at the same level as the audience, to the more formal setting and higher stage of the Ferndale Rep.

Do not miss this work of art. It's genius.



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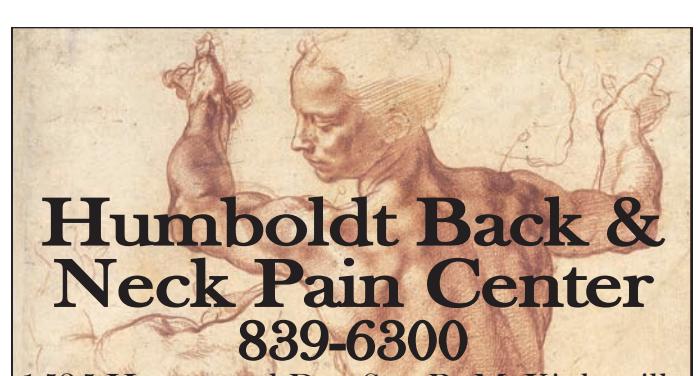


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Valentino, Venus & Cupid are big on love

It's Valentine's Day this weekend, and what better way to celebrate than to fall in love with a new companion-for-life? When you're out shopping for boxes of chocolate and flowers this week, consider stopping by Companion Animal Foundation to meet Venus, Valentino and their brother from another mother, Cupid!



These three adolescents are big on love. Valentino, the handsome black and white young male, and his all gray sister Venus love to curl up and be stroked for hours. Their all-black friend, Cupid, will head-butt your hand for ear-scratches. So if you're looking for a special someone to be your Valentine, consider our three special young cats. They have a lot of love to give and can't wait to find someone to give it to.

Valentino, Venus and Cupid are up-to-date on their vaccines, have been treated for parasites, tested for Feline Lekemia and FIV and, as soon as they have been spayed/neutered, will be ready to go home with a new family.

If you're ready to fall in love, then come and visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata. While at our store, be sure to check out our new raffle. The first drawing will be at the end of March, so be sure to come by and enter.

If you have any questions about CAF, adoptable animals or the programs we offer, you can call us at (707) 826-7387, email us cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, or check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES IN ORICK Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Mobile Outreach will be at the Orick Community Resource Center on Thursday, Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visitors to the bus can be assisted with CalFresh, MediCal, In-Home Supportive Services, veterans' services and child support. Humboldt County Mental Health clinicians will provide on-board counseling and can link clients up with supportive case management. For more information about program services, call (707) 441-4650.

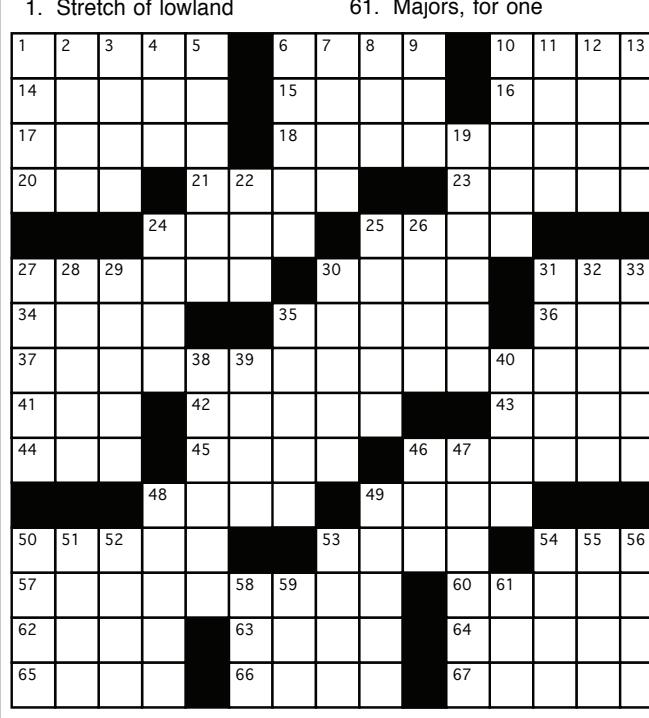
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- Govt. agents
- Natatorium sound
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- Daniel or Pat
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- Putts money in the pot
- Traffic sounds
- Heavy books
- Scottish clan chief
- See eye to eye
- Strong suit
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- Smelly river?
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THAT'S PUBLIC SERVICE Humboldt County Third District Supervisor Mark Lovelace, Arcata City Councilmember Sofia Periera and former HSU President Rollin Richmond dished it out at the Rotary Club of Arcata Noon's annual pancake breakfast last Saturday at the D Street Neighborhood Center in Arcata. The breakfast supports the Arcata High School Career & College Center. At its Jan. 20 meeting, the Arcata City Council proclaimed the week of Feb. 1 to 5 to be "Arcata High School Career & College Center Week." arcatarotary.org

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Food of the dogs to please your Canine Overlords

It has to be some sort of undiscovered canine toxoplasmosis. There can be no other explanation of why I find myself cooking meat for my dogs. I'm a vegetarian.

Toxoplasmosis is a disease in humans and other mammals caused by the parasite *Toxoplasma gondii*, which is spread by cats. Research has shown that rodents infected with the parasite show neurological changes that cause them to become attracted to cats. It causes humans to become slaves to their cats. OK, well, that part hasn't been proven by science, but you have to admit that it's plausible.



LESS IS MORE

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The magnificence of my Canine Overlords has increased, of late, as I have started making my own dog food. In all seriousness, in the last month or so, the dogs' fur has become so glossy they shine. Their eyes are brighter. They are more active.

After years of believing that dogs were carnivores, it turns out that they are, in fact, omnivores. Hardly surprising, since domestic dogs evolved alongside humans, eating what we ate. Even admonitions not to feed dogs "people food" have relaxed of late. Although dogs' nutritional needs differ from ours, it is possible, and even surprisingly easy, to make your own food of the dogs.

In keeping with our desire to eliminate plastic, making our own dog food means we don't have to find some use for a giant empty plastic bag every month; there are only so many tote bags a person needs. Making your own dog food can be waste-free thanks to the bulk foods section and the butcher.

The recipe at right is our basic dog food formula, though, as you will see, there's plenty of room for substitutions. Beans (presoaked and then cooked in fresh water) could be substituted for lentils. Rice could be replaced by

oats. There are lots of vegetables, berries and fruits that are great for dogs. Avoid using onions, garlic or grapes, though, as these are toxic.

Because this makes a soft food, we've increased the amount of tooth brushing to which we subject the dogs, as well as giving them something to chew on, either a nice raw meaty bone or some other hard chew, such as yak milk treats, every week.

So here's our basic recipe. Oh, and here are the necessary caveats. Do your research. Consult your vet. Check with your Canine Overlords. Do try this at home.

Basic Homemade Dog Food

This makes enough for five days for two 35 to 40 lb. dogs (portion sizes vary; experiment with your dog). I alternate the vegan version with the meaty version. Double the recipe and freeze half for yet more convenience.

Ingredients

1 medium to large sweet potato
2 medium carrots
½ cup red lentils
½ cup green lentils
½ cup quinoa
½ cup brown rice
3 cups water
½ cup fresh or frozen peas or spinach, or both
1½ cups unsalted, natural peanut butter or 1 lb. lean ground meat or 14 oz. of extra firm tofu, mashed

Peel the sweet potatoes and wash and top the carrots. Dice both into small pieces. Put them in a large pot with the lentils, quinoa, rice and water. Bring to a boil and then simmer about 45 minutes to one hour, stirring occasionally. Add more water if needed. Add peas and/or spinach near the end.

When done, allow to cool, then mash with a potato masher.

Stir in the peanut butter or cook the lean meat or tofu in a pan, cool, and stir in. Refrigerate.

Serve at room temperature supplemented with omega 3 oil and a canine multivitamin powder.

Ace could be the one & Sunny would light up your life

Looking for the perfect valentine? Well, you couldn't find anything that says "unconditional love" better than a dog, and we have quite a few that would love to be yours.

Ace is a one-and-a-half-year-old male Boxer mix. He is black with a white blaze on his chest and occasionally a little white happy slobber on his nose!

Ace is tall and elegant, with a happy trot to his gait. He knows a few commands and can walk very nicely on the leash. Ace is very good about checking in with his walker as he walks; a stroll is an activity for two in his mind, not just a stroll for him. In the play yard, he is a happy goofball, playing



ball and bouncing in the new chips.

Ace would love to find a

home where he has a yard to play in, a friend to walk with and a person who sees how smart and loving he can be. He would benefit from attending a training class with his new owner; he has a lot of respect for humans that are confident in what they want from him.

He is very dog-friendly and would do fine in a home with other dogs.

Ace is neutered, microchipped and current on his vaccinations. He is at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, where he has been since last October. More info about Ace or other pets at the shelter is available at (707) 840-9132.

Another little loyal and loving dog is our rescue girl, Sunny. Sunny is a medium-sized border collie cross, probably about six years old.

I first heard about Sunny when my friend Bill called and said there was a dog running in the road on a rainy day in Arcata. Together, we tried to find her again, but to no avail. Sun-

ny was then spotted everywhere from Eureka to Trinidad, with one report of her even getting on a bus!

When she was finally caught, she was very scared of everything and no one wanted to touch her. Armed with some high-value goodies from my friends at the Arcata Co-op deli, I went in to get to know her. At first she was very cautious of any contact, but soon was happy to take treats out of my hand. By the third visit, she wagged when she saw me, which felt like a lot of progress.

Two more short visits and I was able to put a collar on her and go for a walk. Her tail was wagging a little more each time!

When we made it to the playpen, I got to see the real Sunny. She loves to play fetch and will toss the ball back to the thrower. She does a little happy dance with the ball as she brings it back. She loves to be petted (who would have guessed?) and will go to new people when she is with someone



THEN & NOW Sunny when she was caught, above, and happy, confident Sunny today, below.



that she trusts already.

This dog was once someone's pet. She knows sit, fetch, come and is just a lovely girl. She gets along well with other dogs, especially after a chance to meet them slowly. If you would like to meet Sunny, please contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 839-9692.

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HUMBOLDT STATE — Learn about global cultures and participate in a wide variety of events at HSU's 16th International Education Week from Feb. 15 to 19. The event includes over 50 hours of programming, 40 presenters (faculty, staff, invited guests, students, a diplomat in residence and keynote speaker) and student-led social events.

The event starts on Monday, Feb. 15 with opening ceremonies featuring Sambe de Alegria leading a parade at the quad. The afternoon features speakers on topics as diverse as the collapse of the Soviet Union and climate change refugees, a student panel discussing "The Sino-American Story," presentations on working internationally and international recipe exchange that evening.

Tuesday, Feb. 16 features a day of talks on the Black Death, food sovereignty in Sri Lanka, sustainable development, perspectives on Senegal, and keynote speaker Richard Marcus of CSU Long Beach talking on the topic "Governing the Global Uncommons: The Tragedy of Water Resource Complexity in Madagascar, Kenya, Israel and Klamath USA." The keynote starts with a reception at 5 p.m., followed by a talk at 5:30 in the Kate Buchanan Room. Also on Tuesday evening is a dessert reception honoring the Peace Corps Volunteers of Humboldt County in the Reese Bullen Gallery (hosting an exhibition of African masks that week) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Peace Corps returners across the county are more than welcome.

Wednesday offers a wide choice of faculty presentations and Ambassador Lew Lukens, who is what is called a "diplomat in residence" and whose most recent posting was in Senegal. There will be an international film night in the Kate Buchanan Room from 6 to 9 p.m.

Thursday offers more presentations. In the evening, Andrea Tuttle, a local environmental activist, will report on her experience at the Paris Climate Change talks, followed by an international music night.

Friday features a half day, with more fascinating presentations on topics from Mormonism to yoga.

All events are free and open to the public.

The full program is available at humboldt.edu/iew.

Winter in Westhaven to support Trinidad arts this summer

Historians Jerry and Gisela Rohde present "The Story Catchers of Northwestern California" today, Feb. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Trinidad Library. The discussion will center around how the legacy of local Indian tribes was partially preserved by the collaboration between tribal elders and dedicated ethnographers.

This is an OLLI class with a fee of \$55 or \$30 for OLLI members. The class is reported by the Library Sustaining Committee as nearly full but you might call (707) 826-5880 in case there is a cancellation or room for another attendee or two.

Speaking of the library, new manager Kristen Dalziel had her first days in the Trinidad branch last week. She says she is enjoying her new position very much and hopes to serve the community for a long time. Volunteer helpers Tisa Jewell, Cheryl Gilmour and Carol Johnson cheerfully assisted her and a library full of children and adults browsing, reading and working at computers.

Winter in Westhaven

The final Trinidad Art Nights fundraising event, Winter in Westhaven, takes place Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), 501 South Westhaven Dr.

All are invited to participate in the community-style variety show featuring fire dancing by Circus of the Elements, puppet-making and performance by Sean Powers, stories by Paul Woodland, original music



SEATED FIGURE Willow twig and ink drawing by Guy Clement Joy is part of the Figuratively Speaking exhibit at Westhaven Center for the Arts through February.

by new Musician-in-Residence Josephine Johnson, along with kids' crafts, food from Lighthouse Grill and Moonstone Crossing wine.

Admission is \$5, or donate more to keep Trinidad Art Nights on the calendar on first Fridays from May through October! Children may enjoy the fun at no charge. Tim Breed and Chakeeta Garabedian are the organizers of the festivities.

Third Friday Blues Series

The Hann-Hemingway Project performs blues, jazz and variety tunes on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at WCA. Eric Hann plays bass and Dee Hemingway is a powerful vocal performer who enjoys a wide following. Admission is by sliding scale, \$5 to \$10.

At any of the WCA classes and events in February, you can enjoy the Figuratively Speaking exhibit from StewART Studio in Arcata featuring artists with a variety of backgrounds from students to professors.

Call (707) 677-9493 or find Westhaven Center for the Arts on Facebook to find out the latest offerings.

Author Naomi Silvertree

Trinidad's Naomi Silvertree has written *The Silvertree Story Book*. She will present a book signing at Blake's Books, 2005 Central Ave. in McKinleyville, on Friday, Feb. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. during McKinleyville Arts Night.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse

Bureau of Land Management Interpretive Specialist Leisyka Parrott counted over 400 visitors at the 1871 lighthouse, which opened for four hours on Sunday, Jan. 31. Lines to go up into the lighthouse on a bright, sunny day were long, but the crowds were patient and enjoyed the performance by Julie Clark portraying Mrs. Fred Harrington, lighthouse keeper from 1888-1916, and the interpretation by BLM and Trinidad Museum volunteers. Visitors included two exchange teachers from Mexico and a large family from Brazil who had never before been to the North Coast.

Museum docent Jim Webb was on duty at the museum and showed many of the lighthouse visitors the 1940s Fresnel lens on permanent loan from the U.S. Coast Guard, which was replaced by the LED lamp in 2013.

The first oil lantern can be seen in the Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse on Edwards Street along with the 4,000 lb. brass fog bell which was installed on Trinidad Head in 1898.

Leisyka said the next open house will be in June on Fish Festival Day. Watch for announcements.

Email patti@baycity@sonic.net.

CR provides on-campus veterans' services

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EUREKA — College of the Redwoods will have a representative from the Eureka VA Outpatient Clinic on campus beginning this spring semester. Forest Harpham is the new VA Student Veteran Health Program Liaison who will be on campus to assist student veterans attending CR.

This position is a joint effort between the CR Veteran Resource Center, the San Francisco VA Medical Center, and the Eureka VA Outpatient Clinic. CR is one of only 25 schools nationwide to offer such a collaboration. CR serves an average of 250 student-veterans each semester.

College of the Redwood's interim

president, Keith Snow-Flamer, was thrilled with the news. "As a Marine Corps veteran I can attest to the importance of making sure we have support services for the remarkable men and women who have served our country and are now a part of our college community," he said.

As the new VA student veteran health program liaison, Harpham will provide education about VA health benefits and services, VA health enrollment assistance, case-management, mental health counseling, and outreach/education to students and faculty about veteran related issues.

Harpaham has been living in the Humboldt area since 1999. She has

a master's degree from HSU, has worked for the HSU Counseling Center, and has completed a fellowship program with the VA. She will be dividing her work week between CR and the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in downtown Eureka.

"I will be helping veterans on campus to assess their health needs, refer them to the appropriate specialist, and also provide some health services here on campus," said Harpham. "I am also enthusiastic about the guest speakers that we will be bringing to campus to discuss a variety of student veteran needs."

Harpaham can be reached by email at forest.harpaham@va.gov.

Multi-Generational Center, 2280 Newburg Rd. in Fortuna. This month's topic is "Sharing Workload and Engaging Community Through Committees." Nonprofit boards, especially in small organizations, need to rely on committees to get the work done. Learn which committees your board should have, how they should operate, and when they should report to the board. This event will be conducted in English with simultaneous Spanish interpretation. Admission is \$15/\$10 for NorCAN members, and three scholarship registrations at \$5 are available. (707) 442-2993, norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org



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Pastor Chuck Clark

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Traditional worship

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Bible Study

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Get your ashes to go on the Plaza

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ARCATA PLAZA — St. Alban's Episcopal Church takes Ash Wednesday to the Arcata Plaza today, Feb. 10 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with "Ashes to Go," a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church is part of a new nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passersby with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal.

"Lent comes from the word for lengthening of days as we head into spring," said the Reverend Sara Potter of St. Alban's Episcopal Church. "In the life of the church, this is a season of spiritual renewal, marked by repentance.

Heavy rain cancels.

or change, in the face of our mortality. The ashes of Ash Wednesday are a sign of our mortality and our intention to seek renewal and a changed direction.

St. Alban's welcomes LGTB people. Links to other activities and programs may be found at saintalbansarcata.org. For more information about Ashes to Go on the Arcata Plaza contact St. Alban's Episcopal Church at (707) 822-4102 or officesec@saintalbansarcata.org.

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Often, the first offer to come in is the best one. When a house is fresh on the market, there is usually a rush of activity and the buyers who see it during the first few days are those most likely to be the most interested. If you are fortunate enough to get an offer right away, you will probably be better off in the long run if you accept it or try to work out a compromise.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Deputy finds rape victim in Crannell

• Saturday, January 23

11:11 a.m. Ann Albright was in a vehicle and allegedly ramming it into another vehicle on Patrick's Point Drive in Trinidad. When deputies arrived, Albright showed signs of intoxication. She told deputies that she wasn't ramming the vehicle; it was her boyfriend who was doing so. But the hood on her boyfriend's car was cold, while the hood on Albright's car was warm. Deputies determined that she was being less than truthful. She was booked into the county jail on suspicion of public intoxication and violating the terms of her probation.

11:45 p.m. A deputy was conducting a vehicle investigation on the frontage road in Crannell, located between McKinleyville and Westhaven, when he heard someone yelling for help in the bushes nearby. As the deputy walked into the wooded area, he could see clothing items, a cell-phone and keys on the ground. In a thick patch of berry briars, the deputy found a completely naked man who was covered with scratches and seemed to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The man said that earlier in the evening he had picked up two male hitchhikers. They provided him with an alcoholic beverage, and after that he could not remember anything. As the victim became more lucid, he said he thought he may have been raped. A medical test confirmed that there were signs of trauma. The incident is under investigation.

• **Sunday, January 24, 4:48 p.m.** Deputies pulled over a vehicle on the south end of McKinleyville after a vehicle pursuit. When the car stopped, Joshua Wentworth jumped out and started running. He ran across both the southbound and northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101, and made his way to a brushy area on North Bank Road. Deputies cornered him there and took him into custody. He was booked into the county jail on suspicion of resisting arrest.



10:21 p.m. Deputies spotted Esteban Arredondo-Wilson on Scenic Drive near Trinidad and searched him, as is allowed under the terms of his probation. They found a glass pipe with burned white residue, consistent with meth smoking, a hypodermic syringe, .38 grams of meth and a double-edged dagger in a sheath. Arredondo-Wilson was booked into the county jail for carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia and violating probation.

• **Tuesday, January 26, 12:46 a.m.**

At the Chevron Station in Trinidad, Joseph Hernandez and two passengers were sitting in a vehicle after hours and not buying any gas. A deputy went to investigate why the car was parked at the Chevron, but Hernandez was uncooperative. He failed to hand over a driver's license or show the deputy the vehicle's registration. He was also acting like a Nervous Nellie. A records check of the vehicle revealed that it was unregistered and displaying fake registration tabs, which is a felony. When deputies went to detain Hernandez, he was uncooperative and allegedly fought with the officers. During a search of the car, deputies found a loaded Ruger .22 handgun with its serial number scratched off, additional ammunition, several baggies of processed bud, a rifle and a shotgun. Hernandez was booked into the county jail on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm, being a felon in possession of ammunition, resisting arrest, displaying false registration tabs, possession of marijuana and concealing a weapon in a vehicle, transporting marijuana in a vehicle and removing a serial number from a firearm.

12:25 p.m. A homeless female who drives a light blue Buick LeSabre is suspected of breaking into an unoccupied duplex on Murray Road in McKinleyville and stealing two cir-

cular saws. The alleged thief stayed overnight in the duplex, which is being remodeled. To add insult to injury, she also took a dump in the house.

5:24 p.m. William Osborne's wife came home late in the evening, which made him mad, so he grabbed a mixing bowl and allegedly assaulted her with it, causing severe pain. The woman then threw a knife at Osborne, and he left the house. The next day she went to Mad River Community Hospital to get treatment for her injuries. A warrant has been issued for Osborne's arrest on suspicion of domestic violence and violation of probation.

6:18 p.m. A patient at Mad River Community Hospital was treated for a gunshot wound to the buttock. The victim claimed that the wound was from an accident that happened in Mendocino County where he was skeet shooting with friends. He was at the hospital because the wound wasn't healing properly.

• **Wednesday, January 27 5:13 a.m.**

On Norton Road near the Beau Pre Golf Course in McKinleyville, a white Jeep was parked on somebody's lawn. Deputies arrived and found two occupants in the vehicle, Tawny Renee Owens, who was passed out in the front seat, and a 2-year-old child, who was in a child safety seat in the back seat. Deputies had trouble rousing Owens. When she emerged from the fog of the substances pulsing through her blood, her speech was slurred and she had trouble forming words. She faded in and out of consciousness and was unable to provide deputies with any information about the child in the back seat other than a first name. Deputies searched the vehicle and found what appeared to be marijuana hash oil, buds and a glass pipe. There was no food or water or extra clothing for the child. Owens was booked into the county jail on suspicion of willful cruelty to a child, possession of concentrated cannabis, public intoxication and giving false identification to a police officer. The Jeep was towed.

Baltzley behind bars

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EUREKA — On Wednesday, Feb. 3 at approximately 11:08 p.m., a Humboldt County sheriff's sergeant was on patrol searching for warrant suspect Donavan Baltzley.

Baltzley is known to drive a dark green Honda Civic. The sergeant located a dark green Honda Civic parked on Spring Street in Eureka and confirmed this vehicle was registered to Baltzley. Baltzley was observed getting into his vehicle and driving away. The sergeant followed from a safe distance, and additional deputies responded. After driving a few blocks, Baltzley pulled his vehicle over and surrendered without the sergeant activating lights and sirens.

Deputies located suspected heroin and drug paraphernalia on Baltzley's person. Baltzley was arrested for his Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) warrant; and also for his fresh warrants which included giving false identification to a peace officer, resisting arrest, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance; possession of a narcotic controlled substance, and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and booked on the above charges.

Arcata Fire awarded for communication upgrades

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT

SACRAMENTO — On Jan. 20, Assistant Chief Sean Campbell traveled to Sacramento on behalf of the Arcata Fire District to accept the CalFire Partnership Award. This award was presented to the Arcata Fire District for its assistance in upgrading and improving the communication infrastructure for dispatch and radio communications.



Sean Campbell

Arcata Fire District was awarded a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for the upgrade of the Humboldt County Local Government fire communications network. The grant objectives were to replace aging equipment at mountain top repeater sites, purchase two portable repeaters and four dispatch consoles, and improve the countywide systems for federal narrow banding.

The collaborative partnership has led to a modernized Emergency Command Center as well as a highly upgraded countywide fire communication net.

"The modernization and well-engineered system will provide for improved reliability. Additionally, public and first responder safety will be vastly improved by providing a more reliable communication system now and well into the future," stated CalFire Unit Chief Hugh Scanlon.

Cat burglar steals dog

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MCKINLEYVILLE — On Tuesday, Feb. 2 at about 8:30 a.m., deputies responded to the Humboldt County Animal Shelter in McKinleyville to investigate a burglary.



HOT DOG This dog, named Felony, was stolen from the shelter.

Animal shelter attendants noticed one of the dogs in the shelter was missing. Deputies discovered the burglary occurred at about 10 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, after the shelter was closed.

The suspect maneuvered over a perimeter wall to gain entry. There were footprints leading to the stolen dog's kennel, and the lock to the kennel was found undone, not broken. There is video surveillance of the break-in, and deputies are reviewing

it to positively identify the suspect. The stolen dog is a white and brown female Staffordshire Terrier mix. Her name is Felony.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is strongly urged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Baby on life support sits idly by as tensions mount

• **Monday, January 18 9:56 a.m.** It was bad enough that guests occupying rooms 106 and 107 at a Valley West motel of sorts got into a physical fight outside their rooms. Unfortunately, a baby said to be "on life support" in one of the rooms wasn't exactly part of the solution, being of no help whatsoever in resolving things. The disputants were last reported throwing things at each other.

11:47 p.m. Men outside a Fourth Street business argued in multimedia fashion, variously thumping, stomping, throwing and raging. A woman, possibly with an infant, was reported in a nearby apartment somehow related to the clash.

4:17 p.m. Unopened packages of needles were found near an F Street variety store, and turned over to police.

• **Tuesday, January 19 9:31 a.m.** A man sold his truck to someone, who sold it to someone else. But the truck remained registered in the original owner's name, so when it started getting traffic tickets in Arcata, they were sent to him.

12:21 p.m. A man's truck was burgled on 15th Street. Taken was a gym bag containing a wood roller, exercise bands, a package of drill bits, a small screwdriver, a reusable cloth trash bag and a rubber dog toy.

1:13 p.m. Non-gentlemen smoked cigarettes outside a dumbass-beleaguered H Street shop, heroically blowing the carcinogenic exhaust into the face of a small child one was holding.

4:03 p.m. A German shepherd was reported tethered to a Samoa Boulevard tree for more than an hour, which must have been really boring for the poor dog. It was gone when

police arrived.

4:36 p.m. A German shepherd was reported tethered out front of a G Street laundromat. A woman said it lunged at her, forcing her out into the street. It was gone when police arrived.

5:46 p.m. A man in his fifties with a gray ponytail was seen buying a bottle of booze for a youth on a skateboard at an Alliance Road mini-mart.

• **Wednesday, January 20 12:48 p.m.** A mountain bike was stolen from a Stromberg Avenue residence.

Thursday, January 21 11:57 a.m. A man with shoulder-length hair, a hoodie pulled up over his head and a camouflage backpack twice came into a Plaza bank, behaving in a strange and disquieting manner. At one point, he leaned over the counter and yelled "Check!" while pointing at each teller individually. He left and was last seen entering an historic Plaza storehouse, but there the trail went cold.

4:01 p.m. A woman came to the police department saying that her daughter had mistakenly been identified as a suspect by Barstow Police and arrested. They'd directed her to go to her local PD and clear things up. She did, and was arrested.

4:03 p.m. A Fickle Hill Road resident never received paychecks sent to her home. They were stolen, altered and cashed.

8:37 p.m. "Fight me! Fight me! Someone fight me!" exclaimed a man at Baldwin Street and Grant Avenue.

8:46 p.m. Still in search of a willing combatant, Fight Me Guy made his way over to Davis Way and Hilfiker Drive, where he inspired another call to police.

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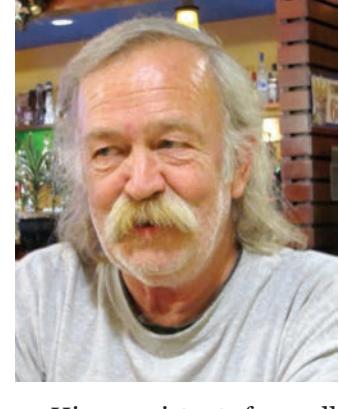
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OBITUARY

James Steven Reinhold
November 20, 1954 – February 16, 2015



James Steven Reinhold, a 1976 Humboldt State University Journalism Department graduate, has left this world. His IBM Selectric keys, quick and acerbic witty one-liners and comebacks have forever been silenced.

James will be remembered by many as deeply involved in local volunteering and grassroots political organizing in 1970s Arcata and Humboldt County campaigns. He himself ran his own "Gonzo" campaign for Humboldt County Sheriff in about 1978.

James was an active player and team captain on local softball fields, and frequently held court for discussions of current events at several

favorite taverns from Orick to Garberville. He moved to the Missouri Ozarks in 1982, but Humboldt, and especially Arcata, were never far from his thoughts.

James is survived by his wife Susan, daughter Jesse Reinhold-Galve (Miguel); granddaughter Alli Galve; daughter Agatha Reinhold (Travis Amato); mother, Helyn Reinhold; two sisters, Joan England and Ann O'Rourke; and two brothers, Thomas Reinhold and John Reinhold. James is also survived by his many acquaintances and lifelong friends, several who reside in Humboldt County, who miss him and even miss his random, rambling late night phone calls, every day.

His consistent farewell was the single phrase, "Keep Smiling." So, to you, James, we tip our hats and say, wherever you are, "Keep Smiling!"

A local celebration of James' life is being planned later this spring. For more information, contact Phylis Geller at (707) 822-6145.

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
16-00044

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

DIVINE EARTH MEDICALS

245 BRIDGE CREEK RD.,

UPPER HOUSE

MYERS FLAT, CA 95554

ANNA K BRESSERS

245 BRIDGE CREEK RD.,

UPPER HOUSE

MYERS FLAT, CA 95554

P.O. BOX 225

MYERS FLAT, CA 95554

This business is conducted by: An Individual

SI/ANNA BRESSERS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 15, 2016

KELLY E. SANDERS

T. LEGG DEPUTY

1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00047

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

HONEYDEW SELECT

237 FICKLE HILL RD.

ARCTA, CA 95521

600 F STREET SUITE 3

BOX 303

ARCATA, CA 95521

BIGGEST LITTLE ORGANICS

2373 FICKLE HILL RD.

ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Corporation

S/CHRISTINA B. MILES, SECRETARY

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KELLY E. SANDERS

M. MORRIS DEPUTY

1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00046

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

MY KIN DESIGNS

5720 WEST END RD.

ARCATA, CA 95521

210 WARREN CREEK RD.

ARCATA, CA 95521

MARISA S. KIESELHORST

5720 WEST END RD.

ARCATA, CA 95521

210 WARREN CREEK RD.

ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: An Individual

S/MARISA KIESELHORST, OWNER/ARTIST

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN 19, 2016

KELLY E. SANDERS

M. MORRIS DEPUTY

1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00074

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

VINCENT ELECTRIC

2080 PILLOR DR.

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

VINCENT HUMBOLDT ENERGY CORP.

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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

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S/NATHANIEL VINCENT, OWNER/PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC 30, 2015

KELLY E. SANDERS

M. MORRIS DEPUTY

1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00053

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

REVOLUTION BICYCLES

2811 F ST.

EUREKA, CA 95501

REVOLUTION BICYCLES,

LLC 68-0471090

1593 G STREET

ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company

S/SEAN J. TETRAULT, OWNER/PARTNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 3, 2016

KELLY E. SANDERS

S. CARNS DEPUTY

2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00085

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REVOLUTION BICYCLES

2811 F ST.

EUREKA, CA 95501

REVOLUTION BICYCLES,

LLC 68-0471090

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2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00053

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

STRICTLY NORCAL

1300 HAVEN LN. #4

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

JENNIFER R. BOWLER

1300 HAVEN LN. #4

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

BERT W. BOWLER

1300 HAVEN LN. #4

MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: A Married Couple

S/JENNIFER BOWLER, STRICTLY NORCAL

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County

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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 9

Sequoia Park Zoo takes on prickly porcupine issues

SEQUOIA PARK ZOO

EUREKA — Sequoia Park Zoo hosts a lecture titled "North American porcupine ecology in a coastal dune forest" by Tim Bean, assistant professor in the Department of Wildlife at Humboldt State University and Cara Appel, graduate student at HSU, today, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

This past summer, Tolowa Dunes State Park lab started studying this enigmatic species to understand diet and movement in different seasons. This talk will cover their first year of research on the "old man of

the woods" in a unique coastal dune forest on the edge of the continent.

The lecture will be held in Sequoia Park Zoo's Flamingo Room and is free and open to the public. A reception will be held 30 minutes prior to start of the lecture.

Sequoia Park Zoo's Conservation Advisory Committee is pleased to highlight work that is supported by the zoo's conservation grant program. "It's impressive that the zoo can provide this support for field-based wildlife conservation while at the same time helping to train

the next generation of conservation biologists, by supporting HSU students and projects," says Micaela Gunther, professor in the department of Wildlife at Humboldt State University, and member of the Zoo Conservation Advisory Committee.

Sequoia Park Zoo's Conservation Advisory Committee hosts a series of evening lectures by experts on various wildlife conservation issues every winter season. The 2015-2016 lecture series continues with lectures on March 9 and April 20. sequiaparkzoo.net, (707) 442-5649

WHO'S HOO The Great Grey Owl, a state endangered species sighted at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, is only the second confirmed sighting in Humboldt County. It has attracted visitors from all over to see it perching and foraging along the Newton B. Drury Parkway. Authorities ask that spectators slow down for the low-flying owl along the parkway.

PHOTO BY JILL DUFFY



OWL ON
THE PROWL

AUDUBON MEETS Redwood Region Audubon Society holds its monthly Conservation Meeting **Thursday, Feb. 11** at noon at Rita's Margaritas and Mexican Grill, 1111 Fifth St., Eureka. Please note change of venue. (707) 445-8311.

NATIVE PLANT TALKS The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) invites the public to "North Coast Rare Plant Projects and Volunteer Needs," two presentations by David Imper and Greg O'Connell **today, Feb. 10** at the Arcata Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd. in Arcata. Imper will introduce the Red Mountain Two-flowered Pea Preserve on the northern border of the Lassics Wilderness, in unique serpentine soils that support the only known population of *Lathyrus biflorus*. A conservation easement has been established, and monitoring and habitat maintenance will be required. Imper hopes the North Coast Chapter will provide volunteers and raise funds. O'Connell will describe the goals of the Big Lagoon Bog restoration project, and the CNPS Rare Plant Treasure Hunt program. Doors open at 7 p.m. (707) 822-2015, northcoastcnps.org

PLOVER TALK Humboldt State University Wildlife Professor Dr. Mark Colwell presents a lecture on the Western Snowy Plover **Thursday, Feb. 11** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at

the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. Dr. Colwell will discuss the bird's life history and local challenges to breeding success. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the lecture begins at 7 p.m. Arrive early for hot tea and light snacks. A sliding scale donation of \$2 to \$5 is requested. (707) 444-1397, friendsofthedunes.org

BEST MCKBIRDING Join Redwood Region Audubon Society's Rob Fowler **Saturday, Feb. 13** for a half-day field trip to explore some of McKinleyville's best birding locations. Hiller Park, the Mad River estuary and mouth, the McKinleyville bottoms, sections of the Hammond and School Road trails are some of the targeted sites. The group will visit diverse habitats and obtain a list of around 60 to 80 species. Participants should meet at 8 a.m. near the playground at Hiller Park and plan to finish around noon. (707) 616-9841

AUDUBON MARSH TOUR Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Feb. 13**. Bring binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Ken Burton in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

TRINIDAD STATE PARK RESTORATION

California State Parks invites the public to a restoration work day **Saturday, Feb. 13** from 9 a.m. to noon at Trinidad State Beach. Work will involve the removal of invasive, non-native plants such as English ivy, a moderate activity. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes for walking off trail. Gloves and tools are provided but feel free to bring your own. (707) 677-3109, Michelle.Forys@parks.ca.gov

REMOVE DUNE INVADERS Show your love for the dunes by helping remove invasive plants on **Saturday, Feb. 13** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Gloves and a special Valentines treat will be provided. Please bring water and wear closed-toed shoes. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila, participants will walk from here to the BLM's Ma-le'l Dunes South along the beach. jess@friendsofthedunes.org, (707) 444-1397

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, Feb. 13** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Milt Boyd at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

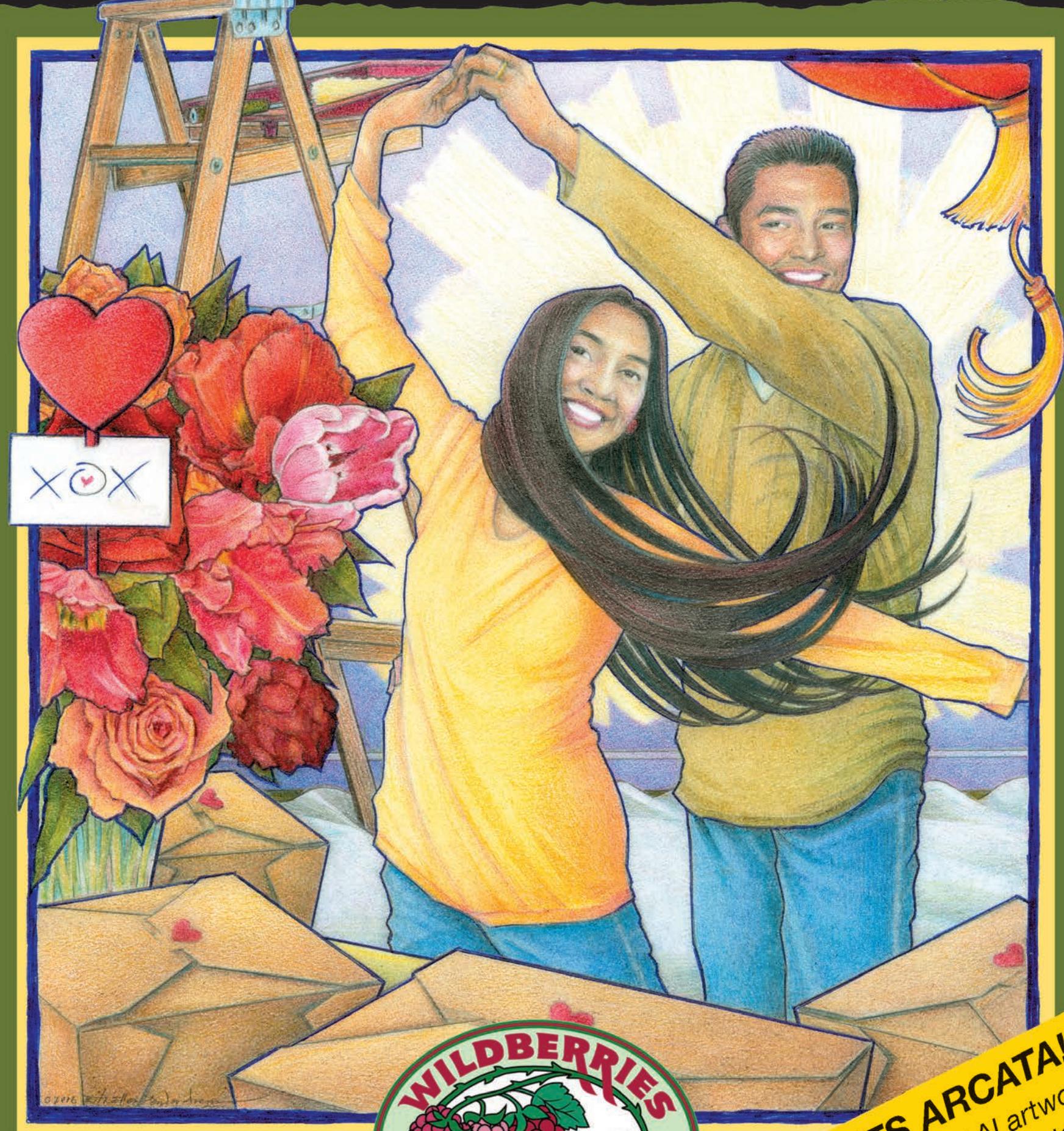
NATURE STORY TIME Join Naturalist Karen Mast for Nature Story Time at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center on **Saturday, Feb. 13** from 2 to 3 p.m. Geared for ages 3 to 6, story time will focus on local wildlife and will be followed by a simple craft project. To reserve a space, call (707) 444-1397.

HBNWR AUDUBON TRIP Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Sunday, Feb. 14** at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. This is a wonderful, two- to three-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. It takes a leisurely pace with an emphasis on enjoying the birds! Beginners are more than welcome. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9 a.m. (707) 822-3613

PINTS FOR GODWITS Join Godwit Days for Pints for Nonprofits at Mad River Brewery on **Wednesday, Feb. 17**, starting at 5 p.m. One dollar of every beer sold between 1 and 9 p.m. will support this 21st annual spring migration birding festival in mid-April. The Redwood Yogurt Boys play bluegrass between 6 and 8:30 p.m. Work off your brew beforehand by birding Blue Lake. Meet at the brewery at 2:30 p.m. for a two-hour field trip (\$10 fee) with Gary Bloomfield. godwitsdays.org, (707) 826-7050

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